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3351	8/2/48	Jones memo Nichols	1	1	
3352	8/9/48	HQ TT SF	1	1	
3352	8/14/48	HQ Htr AG	1	1	
3353	8/14/48	HQ Htr AG	2	2	b1 b7D
3354	7/29/48	Whitson memo Ladd	2	2	
3355	8/5/48	Nease memo Dir	1	1	
3356	8/3/48	3rd party Htr HQ	1	1	
3357	8/5/48	Legat London Htr HQ	1	1	b1
3358	8/16/48	RM1 Htr HQ w/encl	1/4	1/1	
3359	7/29/48	Fletcher memo Ladd	2	2	
3360	8/10/48	Ladd memo Dir	1	1	b7c b7D
3361	8/18/48	Baumgardner memo Ladd	2	2	
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3362	7/28/48	Keay memo Fletcher w/encl	1/2	1/2	
3363	8/5/48	WFO ltr HQ	1	1	
3364	8/11/48	Fletcher memo Ladd	1	1	
3365	8/12/48	SF TT HQ WFO	2	2	b1 b7D
3365	8/14/48	HQ TT SF WFO	1	1	
3366	8/5/48	Keay memo Ladd	1	1	
3367	8/5/48	Nichols memo Tolson	1	1	
3368	8/1/48	Ladd memo Fletcher	1	1	
3369	8/16/48	NY ltr HQ w/encl	1/4	1/4	
3370	8/16/48	Fletcher memo Ladd	1	1	
3371	8/4/48	WFO ltr HQ	2	2	
3372	8/6/48	Ladd memo Dir	4	4	b3 Sub (6)(e)

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3375	8/16/48	Ladd memo Fletcher	1		
3376	8/19/48	WFO Hr HQ	7		
3377	8/5/48	Fletcher memo Ladd	1		b3 Sub (6/10)
3378	Rec 8/20/48	Routing slip w/encf	1/4	1/4	
3379	8/19/48	WFO Hr HQ	2	2	
3380	8/19/48	WFO Hr HQ	1		b1
3381	8/10/48	WFO Hr HQ	1		
3382	8/6/48	WFO Hr HQ	2	2	
3383	8/5/48	Ladd memo Fletcher	1		
3384	8/5/48	WFO Hr HQ	2	2	

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3386	8/9/48	Ladd memo Fletcher	1	1	
3387	8/10/48	3rd party Hr	1	1	
3388	8/10/48	WFO Hr HQ	3/1	3/1	
3389	8/6/48	AT Hr HQ w/encl	1/1	1/1	
3390	8/16/48	Ladd memo Nichols	1	1	
3391	8/5/48	Ladd memo Fletcher	2	2	
3392	8/7/48	Wall memo Ladd	1	1	
3393	8/7/48	Wall memo Ladd	1	1	
3394	8/9/48	Ladd memo Dr	1	1	
3395	8/10/48	WFO Hr HQ	2	2	
3396	8/12/48	Fletcher memo Ladd	1	1	

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3397	8/14/48	HQ TT NY WFO	2	2	b1 b7D
3398	8/9/48	Fletcher memo Ladd	3	2	
3399	8/20/48	HQ ltr AG	2	2	b7C
3400	8/18/48	LS ltr HQ w/enc	1/1	1/1	
3401	8/29/48	NY TT HQ WFO	4	4	
3401	8/25/48	HQ ltr AG	2	2	
3402	8/20/48	SE TT HQ	1	0	b1
3402	8/23/48	HQ TT NY	1	1	
3403	8/18/48	HQ TT SE	3	3	
3404	8/18/48	HQ TT SE	1	0	b1
3405	8/18/48	HQ TT Bethel	3	3	
3406	8/17/48	Nichols memo Tolson w/enc	1/1	1/1	

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3406x1	8/21/48	SF TT HQ, WFO, NY, DE	2	2	b2 b7D
3407	8/25/49	Whitson memo Ladd	2	2	
3408	8/15/48	HQ ltr Bethel	1	1	
3409	8/23/48	Fletcher memo Ladd	1/1	1/1	
3410	8/23/48	AAG ltr HQ	1	0	Refer
3410	8/25/48	HQ TT NY	1	0	Refer
3411	8/20/48	Ladd memo Fletcher	1	1	
3412	8/3/48	NY TT HQ	1	1	
3413	8/13/48	Ladd memo Dir	1	1	
3414	8/9/48	NH ltr HQ	1/2	1/2	

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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: August 2, 1948

MAJ:GO
TO : Mr. Nichols

FROM : W. A. [unclear]

SUBJECT: Frank Desmond
Wheeling News Register
Wheeling, West Virginia

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- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Mumford
- Mr. Jones
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Beahm
- Miss Gandy

At 10:30 this morning the above party called and made inquiry concerning Elizabeth Bentley. Desmond stated that he had been checking on the matter himself over the weekend and found out that she worked there as a dishwasher last summer. He stated she was apparently there doing some organizing in the Wheeling area for the Communists. I thanked Desmond for calling and in response to his question for information told him that we are not making any comment on the case at the present time.

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This is news to me! She has been employed in NYC and previously since 1945

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

AUGUST 9, 1948

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

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GREGORY. INFORMATION RECEIVED BORIS VOLKOV HAS VOLUNTEERED TO HOUSE
UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE TO TESTIFY CONCERNING NATHAN GREGORY
SILVERMASTER. VOLKOV SENT WIRE TO HOUSE COMMITTEE AUGUST 9. BUREAU
FILES SHOW 1944 ADDRESS 895 DELORS STREET, SAN FRANCISCO. LOCATE
AND INTERVIEW BORIS VOLKOV CONCERNING SILVERMASTER WITHOUT INDICATING
KNOWLEDGE OF VOLKOV'S OFFER TO HOUSE COMMITTEE. ROOVER

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The Attorney General

August 14, 1948

Director, FBI

THE GREGORY CASE

Pursuant to your request, there is attached hereto a copy of the report of Special Agent Thomas G. Spencer, New York, New York, dated December 5, 1945, which sets out in full the signed statement of Elizabeth Terrill Bentley dated November 30, 1945. (65-56102-1962)

Another copy of this report has previously been furnished to Assistant Attorney General T. L. Caudle by memorandum dated December 31, 1946. (65-56402-1961)

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The Attorney General

Director, FBI

THE GREGORY CASE

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You will recall that Boris Volkov is the divorced husband of Helen Petrovna Witte Silvermaster, the present wife of Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, a prominent subject in this case. Volkov was interviewed recently at San Francisco, California, and furnished the following information.

He stated that he would be willing to testify that Nathan Gregory Silvermaster admitted to him in about 1927 that he was a Communist and that he believed in mass terror as a weapon necessary in destroying the ruling classes. He stated that about the same time, (1927), he met Silvermaster coming downstairs in the San Francisco Post Office Building and he asked Silvermaster what he was doing. Silvermaster replied, in effect, that he had taken an oath in a naturalization proceeding. Volkov said he believes that this was Silvermaster's naturalization case but stated that Silvermaster might have been a witness under oath in another person's naturalization proceeding. Volkov said he asked Silvermaster how he, an atheist and a Communist, could take oath in such a proceeding. Silvermaster replied, "You are too naive," and then changed the subject.

Volkov further stated that Silvermaster, while married, ran away with Volkov's wife, Helen Petrovna (Silvermaster). Volkov stated that when his wife left him in 1928, he found her with Nathan Gregory Silvermaster at the Atherton, California, home of one Folkoff, whom he believes was Isaac Folkoff, known to be a Communist Party member for a long time, a suspected Comintern agent.

Volkov stated that he and Helen Petrovna were divorced at San Francisco on July 15, 1930, and that Silvermaster, on August 23, 1929, divorced his first wife, Marie, and meanwhile lived with Helen Petrovna Volkov (Silvermaster), Silvermaster's present wife.

Volkov said that Silvermaster was very friendly with University of California professors Max Radin, Charles Malamuth, and Haakon Chevalier, and that his best friend was Dr. Louis Block.

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Volkov stated that he has in his possession two letters written in 1940 by a Helen Silvermaster to Volkov's son, Anatole Boris Volkov, in San Francisco, which were inadvertently left in Volkov's home by Anatole. He described these letters as being of a personal nature but that mention was made in them of the names Cos, Adler, Ullman, and White, all of whom he believes are identical with persons mentioned in the current hearings in Congress as

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members of the Silvermaster ring. He stated that he will not produce these letters in court until he obtains permission from Anatole Volkov. He advised that he is not aware of any Russian or Communist Party activity on the part of Anatole Volkov, and believes he can persuade him to testify against Silvermaster. He further stated that Nicolas Timorov of Berkely, California, Vera Ivanovna Lavrova Witte of Detroit, Michigan, Vladimir Velikoselsky of San Francisco, and Dr. Emily Woels of San Francisco are aware of Silvermaster's Communist Party activities and will probably cooperate with this Bureau. Interviews are being arranged with these individuals and you will be informed of the results immediately upon receipt.

The above information is being made available to the New York Office of this Bureau with the instructions that it be furnished to the Department's representative handling the Federal Grand Jury in New York.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. LADD

DATE: July 29, 1948

FROM : L. WHITSON

SUBJECT: GREGORY CASE
(WILLIAM WALTER REMINGTON)

10/9/89 3092 PWT/vhr
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- Miss Holmes _____
- Miss Gandy _____

You will recall that William Walter Remington was employed by the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion from December 3, 1945 to March 1947. (u)

On December 16, 1946, Mr. John Steelman, Special Assistant to the President, requested Mr. Ralph Roach of the Bureau to call upon him at the White House at which time he asked that the Bureau make a check of its files for available information on Remington. Mr. Steelman stated that Remington was then under consideration for transfer to his permanent staff which Mr. Steelman was about to maintain in his new position as Special Assistant to the President. At that time, according to Mr. Steelman, Remington was employed by the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion. He said that he was suspicious of Remington from a security view point in view of his association with James R. Newman and Harold Stein of the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion. (u)

Based upon the above request, a letter was prepared for delivery to Mr. Steelman dated December 19, 1946, which contained background information on Remington, his implication in Soviet espionage (Gregory Case) and his implication in Communist activity. However, this letter was not delivered to Mr. Steelman. (u)

Pursuant to your instructions, Supervisors Floyd L. Jones and Ralph R. Roach personally called upon Mr. Steelman at the White House on December 23, 1946 at which time Mr. Steelman was supplied orally the information contained in the letter prepared for delivery to him. (u)

Upon receipt of that information Mr. Steelman advised that he did not intend transferring Remington to the White House payroll but instead he would leave Remington with the old Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion under General Flemming, the head of the Office of Temporary Controls. Mr. Steelman indicated that he intended to informally pass on the information supplied by the Bureau to General Flemming for his information. He said that in view of the nature of the information furnished by the Bureau he did not feel it advisable to fire Remington, but rather would permit him to stay on with the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion until it was liquidated, thus disposing of Remington. (u)

Remington was employed by the Council of Economic Advisors, Executive Office of the President, from March 1947 to March 1948. (u)
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On March 21, 1947, the Washington field office advised that information had been received from the Personnel Office of the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion that Remington was to be appointed in an unknown capacity to the Office of the Council of Economic Advisors, Executive Office of the President, on March 24, 1947. (u)

By memorandum dated March 21, 1947, from Mr. J. C. Strickland to you this information was brought to your attention with the suggestion that the Liaison Section determine the exact nature and location of Remington's employment, and further suggested that the information concerning Remington be brought to the attention of an official of the Executive Office of the President. (u)

A notation was made on this memorandum by Mr. Ralph Roach of the Liaison Section that the Council of Economic Advisors is a part of the Executive Offices of the President; that Remington is employed there and that Mr. J. R. Steelman of the White House was so advised. (u) (65-56402-2456)

You will note on the above two occasions, information concerning Remington was brought to Mr. Steelman's attention orally and therefore he will have no official notification in his files in writing that originated from the Bureau. (u)

Appropriate memoranda substantiating the furnishing of information orally to Mr. Steelman are contained in the file at the Bureau. (u)

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Jes. J. [unclear]
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DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

August 5, 1948



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Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease

Joe Carroll called me this morning to advise that he had just returned from a trip to the West Coast and that Mr. Symington called him at his home last night to inquire about his trip and at the same time mentioned that he wanted to be certain to see Carroll this morning about a matter involving the FBI. At a staff conference this morning Mr. Symington asked Carroll to remain over as he desired to talk to him. However, it was only opportune for Mr. Symington to speak to Carroll extremely briefly since Secretary Forrestal came in and rushed him off to another meeting. Joe stated that Mr. Symington had stated "They are very worried about the spy situation and that he had been asked by top level who was the best organization, the FBI or Secret Service." Joe stated that Mr. Symington said that of course there was no question, the FBI was the better organization; that the Secret Service would only be considered for handling counterfeiting. Carroll stated that he asked Mr. Symington if the inquiry had been idle comment or if it was a matter to which some prime responsibility might be attached and Symington stated that it was the latter.

Carroll stated that this was the gist of his conversation since they were interrupted as indicated above and that Mr. Symington is to leave the country at Noon today for approximately ten days on a very confidential mission and it is extremely doubtful that he will be able to see Mr. Symington to continue the conversation prior to his departure. He will make every effort to do so however. Carroll did not know who Mr. Symington referred to as "they" nor did he know what Mr. Symington meant by top level, whether it was the White House or high Army sources. Joe stated that he was rather embarrassed to be in a position of only furnishing us this very sketchy information but thought that you should know and that he would attempt to secure further information at his earliest opportunity. Carroll stated that it was his reaction that the whole matter refers to the current newspaper publicity on the Silvermaster and Bentley case. I asked him if he thought perhaps the question of foreign intelligence coverage was involved and he stated that he would not believe so and repeated that he feels Mr. Symington's statements stem from the current newspaper publicity. He pointed out, however, that apparently Mr. Symington did consider it of sufficient moment to have mentioned ~~it~~ to him on the phone last night and that he desired to see him today on a matter concerning the FBI.

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Respectfully submitted,
G. A. Nease
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New York, August 3th 1948.

Mr. Edgar Hoover
Chief of the FBI
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Gregory Case

Re Miss Bentley, there is it fixed to do away with her to si-
lent her by the culprits, special the big shots, who want to pro-
tect themself.
For this reason is it necessary to give that women immediadly
very good protection otherwise the whole investigation would be
lost.

Very truly yours

Charly H. Green
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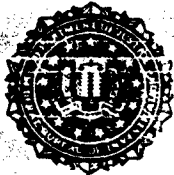
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Director, FBI
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: GREGORY CASE
(MICHAEL GREENBERG, with aliases
Menahem Greenberg, Michael Gibson)

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Reference is made to my cable dated May 28, 1948,
and the Bureau's cable reply dated June 2, 1948.

For the information of the Bureau, [REDACTED]

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Very truly yours,

J. A. Cimperman
J. A. Cimperman
Legal Attache

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: August 16, 1948

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE

SUBJECT: PUBLIC RELATIONS

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As of possible interest to the Bureau, there is attached an editorial from the Milwaukee Journal, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, dated 8/9/48. (u)

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This Should Jar Mr. Truman

Senator Ferguson is entirely justified in condemning President Truman for failure to turn over vital information to congress and in calling this course reprehensible. But the senator's suggestion of impeachment, we suspect, was made not to outline a course of action but to give Mr. Truman a good jolt.

If there is anything the country does not need now, in the midst of a presidential campaign, it is another session of congress and all the turmoil of an impeachment trial. The American people will decide, come Nov. 2, whether Harry Truman should be removed from the presidency. They are fully qualified to make this decision, and the whole thing can wait that long.

It is incomprehensible, as Senator Ferguson says, that an American president should choose to keep from a congressional committee information that is essential to the investigation of Communist activities within the federal government, Communist spying in behalf of Russia and the whole rat's nest of wartime intrigue in Washington.

Yet that is what Mr. Truman has done. He has refused to let Ferguson's committee have the full executive department records in the case of William W. Remington, who has admitted to giving confidential governmental information to Elizabeth Bentley, courier for a Communist spy ring.

These records would reveal how Remington was kept on the federal pay roll, how he was advanced to positions of greater and greater trust in wartime, and who in the government "protected" him in these posts.

As Senator Ferguson told the senate, the president's bar to this kind of information has made progress in the investigation very difficult.

It is about time for Mr. Truman to realize: That the American people are entitled to every bit of information there is about Remington and every other federal employe who, through treason or just plain gullibility, has sold or given government secrets to foreign agents.

That the congress is certainly entitled to every bit of information necessary to enable it to pass legislation dealing with the menace of the American Communists and their stooges. Certainly Mr. Truman should realize, after the revelations of recent days, that such legislation is essential.

It is to be hoped that Senator Ferguson's broadside will awaken the stubborn Mr. Truman to the error of his stand and to a reversal of his policy.

This business of exposing Communists and their spies is a matter of national security.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: July 29, 1948

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

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ASAC Belmont of the New York Office called at 3:20 p.m. today and stated that Nelson Frank of the New York World Telegram early this afternoon advised that the following direct quotations came from Senator Ferguson regarding Bentley's appearance before the Ferguson Committee: "The Committee heard the testimony of Miss Bentley over the past couple of days and the Committee was concerned with the effectiveness with which the Executive Branch of the Government was getting rid of subversive influences."

According to Mr. Belmont, Nelson Frank stated he would continue to advise the New York Office of any matters of interest which came to his attention before the papers hit the street.

Nelson Frank also told the New York Office that this afternoon's edition of the New York American is carrying a story with a big red headline - "Second Woman in Spy Plot", by Howard Rushmore. This article goes on to relate that a second woman, an Austrian, worked closely with Gerhart Eisler, America's number one man for Stalin. He stated the name was being withheld because the activities of this person are still under intensive study by the FBI.

This story goes on to state that the background of this woman was filled in for Rushmore by a former Communist who held high rank in the Red-Fascist cell that flourished under the New Deal. This former Red once held a high position with the Daily Worker and later became a key figure in the Communist Washington cell. The former Red, according to Rushmore's story, gave the FBI the following description of the second spy: "Her name is 'H-C-'; she is about in her 30's and a Viennese. She probably is here as an agent of the Comintern. I (the former Red) heard about her in the 30's, and I am still hearing about her through the Communist Party underground. From my last contact I can say definitely that she is tied up with Gerhart Eisler."

Rushmore also stated in his story that the former Red told the FBI that this woman's husband is a member of the German Communist Party. He also revealed that this couple operated a farm in Pennsylvania, said to be a social center for the spy ring. Rushmore adds: "A copy of the former Red's statement is in the possession of this paper." He then states: "It is known that this ex Red testified before the Federal Grand Jury which just indicted the twelve Communist members in the United States."

With regard to the above article, Mr. Belmont stated that in the

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opinion of the New York Office the woman described by Rushmore in his story, as referred to by the former Red, is Hede Massing, whose former name was Hede Gumpers. She was born in Vienna and was at one time the wife of Gerhart Eisler. These people own a farm in Quakertown, Pennsylvania. The former Red referred to by Rushmore as the source of his information is in the opinion of the New York Office, Whitaker Chambers, who, it will be recalled, was a former editor of the Daily Worker and one of the first members of the Washington Party underground.

Mr. Belmont stated that numerous inquiries are being received from the press regarding this article, but no comment is being made in response to them.

cc - Mr. Nichols

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TO : THE DIRECTOR

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DATE: August 12, 1948

FROM : D. M. Ladd

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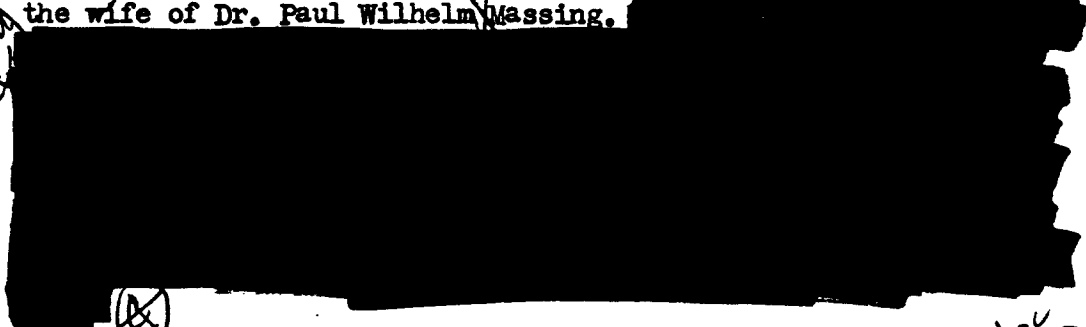
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In a memorandum dated July 29, 1948, from Mr. H. B. Fletcher to Mr. D. M. Ladd, attention was directed to an article by Howard Rushmore appearing in the "New York Journal American" in which mention was made of a second woman who was reportedly involved in the Gregory "spy plot." Rushmore identified the woman as "H-G" stating that she was tied up with Gerhart Eisler and was probably here as an agent of the Comintern. It was pointed out that apparently the woman to whom Rushmore referred was Hedi Gumperz Massing, the former wife of Gerhart Eisler. At the bottom of this memorandum you noted that "There is nothing indicating here what if anything we did re Massing alias Gumperz."

Hedi Tune Massing was formerly married to Gerhart Eisler, divorcing him in Germany in 1926 to become the wife of Julian Gumperz. In 1928 she separated from Gumperz and is now the wife of Dr. Paul Wilhelm Massing.

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TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd *DL*

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: ARTICLE IN NEW YORK JOURNAL AMERICAN
BY HOWARD RUSHMORE - AUGUST 18, 1948; *10/8/88 3042 PWT/vla*
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At 4:15 PM today, Supervisor Tuby of the New York Office advised that an article is contained in today's latest news edition of the New York Journal American by Howard Rushmore headlined "Red Murder Ring Faces Exposure." This article reads as follows:

"How Stalin's Secret Police Set Up a Communist Version of 'Murder, Inc.' in North America may shortly be told to the House Un-American Activities Committee it was learned Today. During the war the FBI uncovered this super secret Moscow group which consisted of MVD agents operating from Russia in cooperation with a few trusted members of the Communist Party in this country.

This ring was organized by the Russian Secret Police primarily for the purpose of assassinating Frank Jackson, another MVD agent who killed Leon Trotsky, former Bolshevik leader, in Mexico City in 1940.

Greenwich Village Headquarters

"Fear that Jackson would reveal the Red 'Murder, Inc.' ring to Mexican authorities, led the MVD to plan his assassination with the center of operations for this plan in an apartment on Perry Street here.

At least a dozen MVD agents made this apartment rented by an American woman who is a secret Communist Party member the base of their operations.

"They would meet here on their trips to Canada and Mexico and the apartment would also be used as a mailing address for letters to and from various agents in North America.

"The FBI located this ring in 1943 and worked closely with Mexican and Canadian authorities to keep a watch on the movements of the MVD agents. (X)

"The FBI also made copies of many letters which came to the Perry Street address. Most of these letters were written in secret ink and FBI Laboratory experts were called in to help decipher the MVD communications.

"Two FBI men were stationed across the street from the apartment and photographs were made on many occasions of persons entering and leaving the building.

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"It was learned that a witness familiar with the case has been interrogated by Committee officials concerning the operation of Stalin's "Murder, Inc."

"This prospective witness has said that the FBI learned that on one occasion the MVD members of the ring offered a bribe of \$25,000 to Mexico authorities if the latter would deliver Jackson into their hands.

"The FBI also suspected that this ring, whose members were all 'trigger men' for the MVD, had other names on its purge list besides Jackson's."

With regard to the last portion of the article concerning the fact that it had been learned that a witness familiar with this case had appeared before the Committee, Tuohy stated that there was a possibility that Rushmore could be referring to either Larry Kerley or Kerley's employer, James Campbell Lewis.

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TO : H. B. Fletcher *MB*
 FROM : V. P. Keay *VK*
 SUBJECT: RECENT PRESS RELEASES CONCERNING
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Admiral Inglis, Chief of Naval Intelligence, who is also Chairman of the Communications Intelligence Board involving all three military services, has advised Agent DeLoach of the Liaison Section that he wished to make a formal request to the Bureau regarding details surrounding recent press releases appearing in various Washington newspapers.

Admiral Inglis has advised that he is particularly concerned with an article appearing in the New York Times of July 21, 1948, which stated: "From a White House official she learned one day that American intelligence officers were about to break the Russian secret code—a break, incidentally, which might have informed American authorities of the existence of the spy ring. The Russians presumably quickly changed their code." *(u)*

In connection with the above mentioned press release and other press releases involving the same circumstances, Admiral Inglis has posed the following three questions: *(u)*

- "1. Is the above mentioned statement regarding American intelligence officers on the verge of breaking the Russian secret code true?"
- "2. If question No. 1 is true, who was the White House official involved?"
- "3. How did this particular statement concerning the 'beautiful blond' get into the press?"

Admiral Inglis also asked a 4th question, which, he advised was answered some months ago by the Bureau. However, he desires now to repeat this question, which is, "Is there any Naval personnel or former Naval personnel involved in the above mentioned case?"

Admiral Inglis was assured by Agent DeLoach that the FBI was constantly on the alert as to advising him or the Office of Naval Intelligence regarding any Naval personnel that might be under their jurisdiction who might become involved in cases of this nature. However, as a matter of reassurance, he was advised that his request would again be made a matter of record and that he would be given an answer regarding any possible Naval personnel who might have been involved in this situation.

RECOMMENDATION: It is suggested this memorandum be forwarded to the Internal Security Section for proper decisions in this matter. Any answers to be given to Admiral Inglis should be returned to the Liaison Section for proper dissemination.

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- ① Is this statement true?
- ② If so, who is White House official?
- ③ How did this particular statement of the beautiful blond get into the press?

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 former many people or only at present?

Answer -
 none

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New England Conscience Wins

Blonde Leader of Spy Ring Credited With Reds' Arrests

New York, July 21 (AP).—The World-Telegram said today in a copyrighted article that a beautiful blonde's tip to the FBI on a large Russian spy ring led to the Federal grand jury investigation culminating in indictments of 12 top Communist officials.

The World-Telegram reported the following:

The unnamed woman, New England-born, suffered pangs of conscience and decided she could no longer sabotage her native country. Her fantastic story, incredible to FBI agents at first, turned out to be completely true.

She told the FBI that 50 Government employees of all ranks were members of the ring. The FBI still does not have enough evidence to indict but is remaining relentlessly on the trail of ring members. Their biggest stumbling block is that Federal courts still do not admit wire-tapping evidence.

The woman, graduate of a noted women's college and an official of a purported relief organization during the war, had been a minor Communist Party member for years. Gradually she was taken into Com-

munist confidence and in the midst of the war, when her immediate superior died, found herself in control of the spy ring.

She was given information by some 50 men and women Government employes, all Communists, ranging from clerks to one man of near Cabinet authority. Nearly all, due to FBI pressure, no longer are on the Government payrolls.

Among the secrets the woman and her agents turned over to the Russians were the first plans of the B-29, still under wraps, and complete data on R-D-X, a plastic explosive. She furnished the Soviet with almost daily figures on American production of planes and other war material.

From a White House official she learned one day that American intelligence officers were about to break the Russian secret code—a break, incidentally, which might have informed American authorities of the existence of the spy ring. The Russians presumably quickly changed their code.

Working for the woman was a man high in the councils of the Office of Strategic Services who would meet the woman on a Wash-

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Blonde's Tip Arrests Reds

ington street corner and turn over secret information to her.

Others working for her included a personal adviser of President Roosevelt, a high Army Air Force officer, an official of the War Production Board, members of the Office of War Information and persons informed of policy from other strategic Government agencies.

Just a Work of Love

None received money for their activities. They turned over the information because they were loyal members of the Communist Party. After informing the FBI, the woman retained many of her old associates for more than a year to give the FBI a chance to check her story.

Once, with FBI agents watching, she met a high official from the Soviet Embassy in Washington. She received an envelope containing several thousand dollars from him.

The official came to New York to press the money on her because she believed she was weakening.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : *Sy* GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: GREGORY
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Re: WILLIAM WALTER REMINGTON (u)

DATE: August 5, 1948

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An agent of this office attended the Senate Investigating Committee Hearing on the morning of August 5, 1948, in accordance with Bureau instructions. (u)

LAWRENCE V. MELOY, Executive Secretary of the Loyalty Review Board of the Civil Service Commission, testified most of the morning. He was requested by Senator FERGUSON, Chairman of the Senate Committee, to ascertain from the FBI exactly what action was taken by the FBI under the Loyalty Order in the case of WILLIAM WALTER REMINGTON. Senator FERGUSON could not understand why WILLIAM REMINGTON could have been employed by the Commerce Department from March to June, 1948 without the results of the FBI investigation having been made available. (u)

Earlier during MELOY's testimony, Chairman FERGUSON criticized the Justice Department, specifically exempting the FBI which he described as merely a Bureau under the Justice Department, for not having advised the Commerce Department at the time of REMINGTON's employment concerning the charges against him. Chairman FERGUSON stated that the Committee had already written a letter to the Justice Department about this matter.

SAMUEL KLAUS of the State Department testified that in 1948 he was on loan to the Commerce Department for the purpose of helping set up an enforcement program in connection with the Office of International Trades Export Control program. KLAUS stated that when he heard that REMINGTON had been appointed to the Commerce Department he advised DAVID BRUCE of that Department specifically that he knew that REMINGTON was being investigation on suspicion of espionage and that he presumed that BRUCE discussed the matter with THOMAS BLAISDEL. BRUCE's attitude, according to KLAUS, was that vague rumors concerning REMINGTON had been checked into and that REMINGTON had been cleared. (u)

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TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd *DL*

FROM : H. B. Fletcher *HBF*

SUBJECT: GREGORY
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At 2:25 p.m. Supervisor Tousey of the New York Office, acting in the absence of ASAC Whelan, called and stated that Nelson Frank shortly before noon had stated that he had received a telephone call from the informant, Bentley, asking that he inquire of the FBI as to what she should say concerning the \$2,000 which she turned over to the Bureau. She wanted to know whether she should say she did it voluntarily or at our suggestion. Miss Bentley also wondered what she should say concerning whether or not she was under surveillance by the Bureau, whether she should say yes or no.

Nelson Frank was advised that the Bureau would not attempt to direct the testimony of Bentley in any manner and that she should tell the truth as she knew it.

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[REDACTED] VOLKOV DIVORCED [REDACTED] JULY FIFTEEN, THIRTY, AND SILVERMASTER ON AUGUST TWENTY THREE, TWENTY NINE, DIVORCED HIS WIFE, MARIE, ^{Silvermaster} MEANWHILE LIVING WITH HELEN PETROVNA VOLKOV, HIS PRESENT WIFE. VOLKOV STATES SILVERMASTER VERY FRIENDLY WITH U. S. PROFESSORS, MAX RADIN, CHARLES MALAMUTH AND HAAKON CHEVALIER. BEST FRIEND WAS DR. LOUIS BLOCK. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] VOLKOV ALSO HAS TWO LETTER WRITTEN IN NINETEEN FORTY BY HELEN SILVERMASTER TO VOLKOV'S SON, ANATOLE BORIS VOLKOV, IN SF, AND INADVERTENTLY LEFT IN VOLKOV'S HOME BY ANATOLE. LETTERS OF PERSONAL NATURE BUT MENTION NAMES COE, ADLER, FULLMAN, AND WHITE, ALL OF WHOM HE BELIEVES ARE IDENTICAL WITH PERSONS MENTIONED IN CURRENT HEARINGS AS MEMBERS OF SILVERMASTER'S RING. STATES HE WILL NOT PRODUCE LETTERS IN COURT UNTIL HE OBTAINS PERMISSION OF ANATOLE. IS NOT AWARE OF RUSSIAN OR CP ACTIVITY ON PART OF ANATOLE AND BELIEVES HE CAN PURSUADE ANATOLE TO TESTIFY AGAINST SILVERMASTER. HE ADVISED NICOLAS TIMIROV OF BERKELEY, CALIF., VERA IVANOVNA LAVROVA WITTE, OF DETROIT, MICH., VLADIMIR VELIKOSELSKY, OF SF, AND DR. EMILY WOELZ OF SF, AWARE OF SILVERMASTER'S CP ACTIVITY AND WILL PROBABLY COOPERATE. BUREAU ADVISE WHETHER INTERVIEW WITH THEM DESIRED. SF INDICES CONTAIN NO DEROGATORY INFO RE TIMIROV, WITTE, VLADIMIR VELIKOSELSKI AND WOELZ. LETTER FOLLOWS.

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cc: Mr. Fletcher
Mr. Whitson
Mr. Ad. Jones

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

AUGUST 14, 1948

Transmit the following message to:

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GREGORY, ESPIONAGE - R. RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL AUGUST TWELVE LAST. SAN FRANCISCO SHOULD VERIFY NATURALIZATION OF NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA IN APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN TWENTY-SIX. NAMES OF WITNESSES TO THESE PROCEEDINGS SHOULD ALSO BE OBTAINED. BORIS VOLKOV SHOULD BE REINTERVIEWED AND EXHIBITED A PHOTOGRAPH OF ISAAC FOLKOFF TO DETERMINE IF HE IS IDENTICAL WITH THE FOLKOFF MENTIONED IN REFERENCED TEL. ADVISE IF AGENTS WHO INTERVIEWED VOLKOV SAW THE LETTERS WRITTEN TO ANATOLE BORIS VOLKOV BY HELEN SILVERMASTER AND IF NOT AN EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO DO SO UPON REINTERVIEW OF VOLKOV. SAN FRANCISCO SHOULD IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEW NICHOLAS TIMIROV OF BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA, VLADIMIR VELIKOSKELSKI AND DR. EMILY WOLFE OF SAN FRANCISCO FOR INFORMATION RE CP ACTIVITY AND POSSIBLE ESPIONAGE ACTIVITY OF NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER. THE RESULTS OF THESE INTERVIEWS SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY FORWARDED TO DETROIT, NEW YORK, WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE AND THE BUREAU. THEREAFTER DETROIT SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO INTERVIEW VERA IVANOVNA LAVROVA WIFE FOR PERTINENT INFORMATION CONCERNING SILVERMASTER. EXPEDITE.

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD
FROM : Mr. V. P. Keay
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Mr. Roach learned while at the White House this morning the following statements made by President Truman at a press conference with reference to the recent Congressional Committee investigations with regard to "spies in the government." (u)

The President in response to the reporters' inquiries made the following statements: (u)

"No information has been revealed that has not long since been presented to a Federal Grand Jury. No information has been disclosed in the past few days by Congress that has not long been known to the FBI. The Federal Grand Jury found this information insufficient to prepare an indictment of the federal employees involved. All but two of the employees involved have left the Federal Government and those two have been placed on involuntary leave." (u)

When further asked about the current Senate hearings, the President said, "The public hearings now underway are serving no useful purpose. On the contrary, they're doing irreparable harm to certain persons, seriously impairing the moral of federal employees, and undermining public confidence in the government." (u)

When another reporter asked him what he intends to do with regard to releasing files to the Congressional Committee, the President replied, "The departments or agencies may forward to the Committee all unclassified routine papers such as Civil Service Form #57, records of promotion, efficiency ratings, letters of recommendation, etc. No information of any sort relating to the employee's loyalty and investigative data of any type whether relating to loyalty or other aspects of an individual's record should be included in the material submitted to a Congressional Committee. If there is doubt as to whether a certain document or a group of documents should be supplied, the matter should be referred to me." (u)

One energetic reporter inquired of the President what he intended to do about releasing files specifically on the Remington Case. The President replied, "That is a matter that you will have to take up with the Secretary of the Navy." The reporter reminded the President that the Secretary of the Navy had testified before the Committee yesterday that any inquiries on the Remington Case would of necessity have to be referred to the White House. This particular line of inquiry got the President a little confused, but he stood on his answer, however, that the Secretary of the Navy must be conferred with. (u)

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Stewart Alsop of the New York Herald Tribune called on the afternoon of August 4. He outlined his grave concern about the spy scare being brought out on the Hill, that his observations indicated a weakness in the espionage laws.

I told him that this, of course, was a matter involving legislation, we did not discuss legislation and could not discuss the case. I referred him to the Department. He asked who was in charge of the special Grand Jury and I told him Mr. T. Vincent Quinn.

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TO : MR. FLETCHER *DF*

FROM : D. M. Ladd

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On August 6, 1948, Mr. Peyton Ford called and stated that the House Committee indicated that they had a mysterious witness and he was wondering who this witness might be. He stated that Tom Donegan thought it might be Alex Koral and was wondering whether anything might be done to determine whether it was in fact Koral. It was suggested that a discreet check might be made on Koral to see if he might be appearing before the Committee.

The New York Office was advised to make a discreet check and subsequently information was received from the Washington Field Office who received information from Lou Russell that the mysterious witness was Alex Koral and therefore, New York was advised to discontinue any further check.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Director, FBI

Att: Mr. H. B. Fletcher

RE: GREGORY
ESPIONAGE - R

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Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to the telephonic conversation between Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau and Mr. A. J. Tuohy of this office today, relative to a letter addressed to Miss ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, in care of the Chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee, Washington, D. C. This letter was dated August 12, 1948 at Vancouver, British Columbia, and was signed with the initials "L. B. W.". (u)

As Mr. Fletcher was advised, the aforementioned letter, which is transmitted herewith, was turned over to an agent of this office this morning by NELSON FRANK, "New York World Telegram" reporter. Mr. FRANK stated that Miss BENTLEY requested him to give it to the FBI and further to advise us that she has not informed the House Committee of her receipt of this letter (u)

Very truly yours,

Edward Scheidt
EDWARD SCHEIDT
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Vancouver, B.C.

Aug. 12th. 1948.

Dear Miss Bentley:

Forgive me writing in
care of the committee, but I could not
contact you at a New York office, they
said you did not work there any more.

You would know me if you saw me,
and you probably know the nature of my
work. I have been watching events at
Washington. So Currie, White, etc. deny
everything. What fools. I never rely on
word of mouth evidence, pictures, films,
etc. never lie. I still have a great
many feet of film which I took of
Currie, White and Remington - and
these pictures even show you yourself
visiting certain places and in conversation
with many of the persons mentioned.
I don't think you made many moves
which I knew nothing about.

As regards Currie, he is not as smart
as he thinks. He was under constant
observation by the British Secret Service
during the whole of the war and even
now he is not overlooked.

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What puzzles me now is what has been said about information going to Russia from the N.Y. tourist agency. No doubt a great deal of facts, etc. did go that way - but a great deal more, of information gathered by you, and a lot of documents were sent from N.Y. to Ottawa, to the Russian Embassy, from where the transmission was made to Moscow. How do I know? Well I still have photographs of documents and information, said photo enlargements having been taken before the original information was permitted to go on to the Embassy. We couldn't arouse suspicion by holding up the expected documents etc. but we could photograph everything and then act accordingly. Lots of facts supplied by Currie & others are in those photographic records. I also therefore know the method of sending information from N.Y. to Ottawa.

By the way, two "good friends" of yours are out here. The East must have become too hot for them, and instead of furnishing you facts, they are now in a new field, they are on the staff of University of B.C. They are the pivot for the "Red" organization at the University and for B.C. too and

believe me this place stinks with "Reds".
That's why I am out here. I'm still
 taking films and doing some photographing
 and at the same time trying to keep
 an eye on what happens at Ottawa.

If these people in Washington keep on
 lying and deny everything etc. ~~maybe~~
 maybe I can help. I'd like to see
 some of their faces if they saw what I
 had gathered over a period of time.
 You realize, of course, to continue I
 must keep under cover. However a
 note in the "personal" column of the
 Vancouver Daily Province will be seen
 and contact can be made. I could ~~send~~
 send a few ft of film etc. to the
 committee chairman but I don't want
 to spoil my own work.

I am surprised the F.B.I. haven't
 taken some action. I heard that high
 places brought pressure to bear on the
 F.B.I. re Currie. He was not to be
 touched, looks like he's got a lot of
 "Red" friends in high places or else certain
 persons don't want exposures.

If I can do anything address me as

L.B.W.

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Personal

Miss Elizabeth J. Bentley,
Staff Chairman,
House Un-American Activities
Committee,
Washington, D. C.
U. S. A.

VIA AIR MAIL

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd *DL*

FROM : H. B. Fletcher *HBF*

SUBJECT: GREGORY
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DATE: August 16, 1948

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- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
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- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Gandy _____

At 11:45 a.m. Supervisor Touey of the New York Office called and stated Nelson Frank furnished the New York Office a letter which had been sent to him from the informant, Bentley. This letter was dated August 12, 1948, at Vancouver, Canada, postmarked Vancouver, Canada, that date and addressed to Bentley in care of the HUAC, Washington. The letter is signed L.B.W.

The contents of the letter indicate that Bentley's story is correct and that the writer has proof that Gregory contacted certain of the subjects. He also indicated that he has evidence to prove the connection between New York and Canada in connection with Gregory operations and he indicates several times that he has documentary evidence. The writer further indicates that Bentley can get in touch with him by inserting a ad in a newspaper.

I told Supervisor Touey to send down the letter immediately so that it can be appropriately handled.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : *W. C. Sullivan* GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: GREGORY
ESPIONAGE - R

Re: WILLIAM REMINGTON

DATE: August 4, 1948

Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

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The afternoon session of the Ferguson Committee in the Senate lasted from 2:00 to 6:00 P. M., August 3, 1948. The following matters of interest were noted during the session. (u)

At 3:45 P. M., REMINGTON was discussing his meetings which he numbered from six to ten, with ELIZABETH BENTLEY in Washington. In this connection, he mentioned that when he was interviewed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation it was indicated that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had been following him for years and that the Federal Bureau of Investigation apparently had observed him meet with BENTLEY at the Mellon Art Gallery. Immediately after this comment by REMINGTON, Committee Counsel WILLIAM ROGERS asked REMINGTON if he did not know that the Federal Bureau of Investigation told him the above information to elicit information from him and that the Federal Bureau of Investigation in fact may have not been following him for years. REMINGTON replied that he was not aware of this fact and thanked Counsel ROGERS for greatly relieving his mind. (u)

At 5:35 P. M., REMINGTON was discussing his dealings with WARD STEWART (phonetic), employed at the Atomic Energy Commission. REMINGTON stated that STEWART was interested in REMINGTON as an applicant for an administrative position with the Commission. However, REMINGTON, because of the Federal Bureau of Investigation investigation and his association with ELIZABETH BENTLEY, was undecided whether he could accept a position with the Commission. This he stated was after he had been interviewed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and was informed that the Federal Bureau of Investigation could not advise him regarding this matter. (u)

Subsequently, REMINGTON informed the Committee that he did not accept any position with the Commission and in approximately the spring of 1948, he met WARD STEWART at some social affair and at that time informed him in about two sentences of his association. (u)

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with ELIZABETH BENTLEY. REMINGTON also related to the Committee that he told WARD STEWART about JOSEPH NORTH who had introduced REMINGTON to JACOB GOLOS and also informed STEWART about his mother-in-law. REMINGTON told STEWART this in order to explain why he had not pursued his association with STEWART in regard to obtaining a position with the Commission any further. (u)

REMINGTON informed the Committee that he desired to produce witnesses to prove that he had been anti-Communist and to establish his character. He also demanded that the Committee produce the papers, etc., that he had turned over to ELIZABETH BENTLEY in order that he could refute the allegation that any information given to her was of a secret or confidential nature. The Committee informed him that such information had been passed to the Russians by Miss BENTLEY and the Committee asked him if he thought the Committee could obtain the information from the Russians and asked REMINGTON how he would proceed to obtain the documents. REMINGTON explained that he would proceed in two ways. One, that Miss BENTLEY no doubt possessed the documents and two, that possibly the Communist Party Headquarters in New York to whom he believed Miss BENTLEY turned over her information or a portion thereof, might have the data. REMINGTON was informed by the Committee that Miss BENTLEY engaged in her activity and had not gone to the Federal Bureau of Investigation until approximately two years after the relationship between her and REMINGTON discontinued and that she had admitted that the information she obtained was turned over to the Russians. (u)

The Committee recessed at 6:00 P. M., however, a few minutes prior to this recess, Senator FERGUSON directed an individual to make a telephone call to advise whether the Committee would be able to obtain the employment records of REMINGTON from the Secretary of Commerce. This individual reported to Senator FERGUSON that the matter was still in the White House. (u)

The Committee recessed until 2:00 P. M., August 4, 1948, but did not indicate whether REMINGTON would continue his testimony or who the next witness would be. (u)

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

FROM : Mr. Ladd

DATE: August 6, 1946

SUBJECT: GREGORY
ESPIONAGE

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With reference to the testimony of Alger Hiss before the Thomas Committee, the New York Office has advised that Nelson Frank has informed concerning a story which is out that Hiss, during the time when James Byrnes was Secretary of State, was called in by Byrnes and Hiss was advised that the Department of Justice had furnished information as to Hiss' Communist affiliations. According to the story, Byrnes suggested that Hiss go to the Justice Department to straighten the matter out. Nelson Frank advised that the source of this information is Isaac Don Levine, editor of "Plain Talk" magazine. Nelson Frank has advised further that the Thomas Committee is aware of this reported conversation between Byrnes and Hiss.

Hiss indicated that he had tried to obtain an appointment with you concerning the matter but was unable to do so and finally was interviewed by me.

In connection with the above matter, it will be recalled that by memorandum dated March 21, 1946, you were advised that at 3:15 P.M. on that date Alger Hiss contacted me stating that he had talked that morning to Secretary Byrnes and as a result of the information furnished by Byrnes was desirous of talking to you personally. He was advised that you were out of the city but that his request would be relayed to you. It was recommended in that memorandum that he be interviewed and permitted to make any statement he might desire to make and furnish any information which he might volunteer concerning his activities but that he should not be questioned concerning these activities. A note at the bottom of this memorandum reads "Ladd will handle this. H".

The interview with Alger Hiss was conducted by me on March 25, 1946 and the results thereof, in memorandum form, were furnished to the Secretary of State by letter dated March 25, 1946. The information furnished by Mr. Hiss, which information was in turn furnished to the Secretary of State, is as follows:

Honorable James Byrnes, Secretary of State, spoke to Hiss regarding the report of two separate committees "on the Hill" which had listed persons belonging to subversive groups, and both had listed

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Hiss. It was Hiss' recollection that the two committees might possibly have been the House Committee on Un-American Activities and a Subcommittee of the House Military Affairs Committee. He stated that Mr. Byrnes indicated that one of these committees had working for it a Special Agent of the FBI.

At that time Mr. Byrnes asked Hiss about possible membership in the National Lawyers Guild and about his association with Lee Pressman. Hiss stated that he told Mr. Byrnes that he used to know Pressman very well but had had no contacts with him recently. He also mentioned to Mr. Byrnes that he had been interviewed several years ago by a representative of the FBI with regard to alleged membership in subversive organizations. Mr. Byrnes advised Hiss that he had discussed this matter with the Attorney General and with the Director of the FBI.

Hiss stated that Lee Pressman was a classmate of his at Harvard Law School and had served on the Harvard Law Review with him. After graduation, Hiss had seen little of Pressman until they both were employed by the Department of Agriculture. Jerome Frank had selected Hiss for employment in the Department of Agriculture either because of a recommendation by Pressman or by Felix Frankfurter, who was a former law professor of Hiss'. During the time that Pressman and Hiss were employed by the Department of Agriculture, they were very close, but after Pressman left to go with the CIO, Hiss saw practically nothing of him.

With regard to membership in subversive organizations. Hiss advised that he was not much of a joiner but could have been on the mailing lists of organizations of various kinds, but he was unable to say whether this was a fact. He does recall that for a period of five or six months prior to his employment with the Department of Agriculture, he was a member of the International Juridical Association, which he characterized as a small group interested in labor law. Hiss denied that he was ever a member of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action and did not believe that his wife was ever a member. He was of the impression that his wife could have been a member of the League of Women Shoppers because he thought that some of her friends had been members of that organization. She also could possibly have belonged to some grocery cooperative in Georgetown. Other than these two organizations, he was unable to say to what groups his wife, Priscilla Fancer Hobson Hiss, could have belonged, although he did recall that his mother, Mrs. Mary Hiss, who resided in Baltimore, wrote him several years ago stating she had joined some group, the name not recalled by him at this time.

With reference to specific instances which have occurred to Hiss as possibly prompting reports about him, he mentioned the following:

While in San Francisco at the United Nations Conference on International Organization, he was advised of a report received by the FBI that two individuals connected with a Spanish Refugee Aid organization, name not recalled, who had called on Hiss officially, had reported back to their organization that Hiss had advised them on certain matters. Hiss stated he checked his records and found that Freda Kirchway had sent two people, one of whom was a local lawyer, who had a resolution regarding France, to Hiss' office to find out certain procedural matters. Hiss stated that he advised these two individuals that he couldn't handle the matter and explained to them the procedural limitations of the secretariat of the UNCIO. Their resolution regarding France was later introduced by the Mexican Government representatives, to the best of his recollection.

Another instance which came to his mind was told him by his former chief in the State Department, Stanley Hornbeck, who is now the Ambassador to the Netherlands. At the time Hiss first came into Hornbeck's office, Hornbeck told him that someone, name unknown to Hiss, had stated that Hiss was "a red". Hiss stated that Hornbeck paid no attention to this report.

During the past year and a half or two years, since the Dumbarton Oaks Conference, many employees of the State Department have made speeches to various groups at the instructions of their superiors in the State Department. One of the individuals making such speeches has been Hiss. To his knowledge there have been accusations that State Department representatives have been "whitewashing the Russians". Hiss thinks there may have been some such allegations regarding him.

In July, 1945, according to Hiss, a friend connected with Reader's Digest advised him that Isaac Don Levine had written an article claiming that at the Yalta Conference, Hiss had persuaded the late President Roosevelt to agree to the admission of the Ukraine and Byelorussia to the United Nations at a meeting where Roosevelt, Hiss and Stalin were present. Hiss said that this was a fabrication because he had never met with Roosevelt and Stalin alone, and besides he does not speak the Russian language.

Hiss stated that Mr. Byrnes had mentioned William F. Stone, now in the Department of State, as another individual whose name was mentioned by the two House Committees. Hiss advised he had known Stone for a long time but knew of no Communist Party connections on the part of Stone. He did recall, however, that for a year or two

he had been associated with Stone, then a representative of the Foreign Policy Association, in a supper club headed by a Mrs. Moorehead, also with the Foreign Policy Association, who lives on R Street in Washington, D. C., and which consisted of representatives from various government departments who met once or twice a month and heard various speakers on international affairs. He recalls that Lee Pressman represented labor in this supper club and possibly Mordecai Ezekiel represented the Department of Agriculture. He recalls that there was someone from the Department of Interior but was unable to recall the identities of other individuals with whom he met during this two-year period. The meetings, according to Hiss, were often held in the old Evergreen Cafeteria in the Department of Agriculture Building.

Hiss was questioned specifically whether he was at this time or had at any time in the past been a member of the Communist Party and he emphatically stated he had not. He was asked specifically whether he had had any association with the Communist Party at any time in the past and he denied any such contact or association. He was asked specifically whether he had any friends whom he knew to be members of the Communist Party and advised that he knew of no friends who were members of this Party. However, he had heard many people say that Lee Pressman was either a Party Member or followed the Party Line, but Hiss did not know this to be a fact.

Mr. Hiss was specifically asked whether he had any association with any person or persons who might be members of any subversive organizations which association might have caused the belief to exist that he likewise was a member of any such subversive organization, and he stated that he knew of no association on his part with any persons which would lead to this conclusion.

cc-Mr. Ladd
cc-Mr. Fletcher
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. H. B. Fletcher

DATE: 5:30 PM August 9, 1948

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

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SUBJECT: ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES REPORTED IN
NEWSPAPER ARTICLE BY HOWARD RUSHMORE

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Holmes
- Miss Gandy

At the above time, Supervisor Al Tuohy of the New York Office called and furnished the following information which appeared in the Journal American today which was written by Howard Rushmore:

"House Probes Second Big Spy Ring.

Another Communist spy ring considered by the FBI the most dangerous espionage network in this nation's history is being investigated by the House Un-American Activities Committee it was learned today. This spy ring was organized nine years ago under the leadership of a Russian agent for the sole purpose of obtaining American military secrets.

More important in scope than the underground Washington group exposed by Elizabeth Bentley and Whitaker James, this espionage organization worked entirely separate from those in Washington. With the exception of the German Communist, Gerhardt Eisler who played a minor role in some of the Washington spying, none of the former New Dealers named by James and Bentley were members of the 'military' ring.

Group Escaped Arrests Thus Far.

To date no member of this particular network has been arrested although two local business women and a Brooklyn college professor were active in this group which relayed military data to the Russian Consulate here.

Included in this group was a member of the Russian Purchasing Commission who obtained blueprints of some of America's top secret aviation developments during the war.

This man was caught by the FBI in 1944 in a midtown rooming house.

He was not arrested and is believed to be still operating in this country.

Also involved is a member of the CP's National Committee known in the military ring as 'Steve'.

"Steve" was sent to California to work with local Communists in an endeavor to steal atomic information from West Coast divisions of the Manhattan project."

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Tuohy stated that the New York Office had been unable to determine what case Rushmore had in mind. He said it appeared from the information that Rushmore had several former Bureau investigations in mind. He said that he may have been talking of the ~~Ovakimian~~ investigation. He pointed out that Helen ~~Koral~~, wife of Alexander ~~Koral~~, so-called mysterious witness, was involved in the ~~Ovakimian~~ case.

Tuohy mentioned that the two business women mentioned in Rushmore's story might possibly be Vicki ~~Stone~~ or Irene ~~Miller~~, or possibly Marcia Hiskey.

He stated that the Brooklyn professor may be identical with Dr. Clarence ~~Hiskey~~ who is a Professor at the Polytechnic Institute. He was formerly married to Marcia but they are presently divorced.

He stated that the "Steve" referred to may be identical with Steve Nelson.

Mr. Tuohy said that the identification of the above mentioned people was strictly conjecture on the part of the NY Office, but that he was making it available to the Bureau for whatever assistance it might be to us.

He stated he would keep the Bureau advised of any further developments or news accounts of this alleged second big spy ring.

I instructed Mr. Tuohy to forward the newspaper clipping in question to the Bureau with any further identifying information available. He stated this would be done.

ACTION:

It is suggested this memorandum be routed to the Espionage Section in order that an effort may be made to identify the individuals mentioned by Rushmore.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: August 13, 1948

FROM : L. Whitely

SUBJECT: GREGORY
Espionage - R

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- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
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- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Gandy _____

At approximately 3:00 p.m. on this date, Mrs. Alan Doig, 33 East End Avenue, New York City, telephone Rhineland 4-8739, was referred to the Bureau by Mr. L. T. Atherton of the Tax Division in the Department. Mr. Atherton stated that Mrs. Doig's deceased husband was formerly associated with him in the law firm of Chadbourne, Hunt, Jaeckel and Brown, New York City.

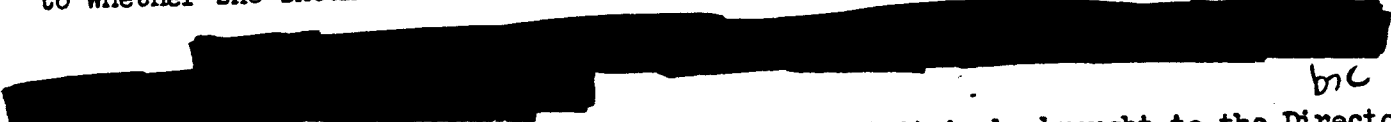
Mrs. Doig had indicated to Mr. Atherton that she had some information on Elizabeth Bentley.

Mrs. Doig was interviewed for approximately one hour by Supervisor Floyd Jones who is familiar with the Gregory case. Mrs. Doig stated from the outset that she wanted to talk with the Director personally and that she did not desire to disclose her information to any of his subordinates. She was assured by Supervisor Jones that anything she desired to report to the Bureau would be maintained in confidence by the Bureau and that it would be brought to the Director's attention.

She still insisted upon seeing the Director and after a considerable amount of difficulty it was learned from her that she wanted to report information about the "controlling matters around the Bentley case." She said this information would include the crimes of a single individual "right through the gangs in New York to the present Red problem."

She said that she had voluminous notes based on her investigative efforts for the past years that she would refer to in making her disclosure.

She said that she flew down to Washington from New York for the purpose of seeing the Director and did not desire to talk with anyone else. When she left the Bureau she said she was going back to see Mr. Atherton in the Tax Division and would consult with him and also an attorney in the Southern Building for advice as to whether she should talk to anyone else in the Bureau.



She stated finally that she desired her visit to be brought to the Director's attention and that if he desired to get in touch with her, he should do so at her telephone number above and she would make arrangements to have an interview with him personally and that this interview would not last any longer than twenty minutes.

ACTION:

The foregoing is for your information.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. FLETCHER *WBT*

FROM : D. M. Ladd *DL*

SUBJECT: GREGORY CASE

DATE: August 16, 1948

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Carson _____
- Mr. Egan _____
- Mr. Gurnea _____
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- Miss Holmes _____
- Miss Gandy _____

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While talking to the Attorney General on the afternoon of the 14th in connection with other matters, he mentioned the press statements concerning Elizabeth Bentley and the statement that she had made indicating that the Bureau had covered her meet with Gromov at the time of the payment of two thousand dollars. *F. D. Jones*

I advised the Attorney General that the Bureau had not covered this meet, that the meet had been in October of 1945 and that Bentley did not communicate with the Bureau with her story until November of 1945.

The Attorney General requested that a copy of the original statement from Bentley be forwarded to him and that was done on the afternoon of the 14th.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : *YH* GUY HOTTEL, SAC
WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: GREGORY
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: August 19, 1948

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE *4/25/83* BY *SP5 RJA/ky*
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There are set forth hereinafter results of interviews with MRS. RHODA ARNOLD July 17, and subsequently with MRS. FLORENCE HODEL WAGNER, by Special Agents KENNERLY R. CORBETT and M. A. TAYLOR. Agent CORBETT'S inquiry was principally concerned with the loyalty case of JOSIAH DUBOIS. It is noted MRS. ARNOLD was formerly Secretary to subject FRANK COE in the Bureau of Monetary Research of the Treasury Department, and later at the International Monetary Fund, and that FLORENCE HODEL, formerly with the Treasury Department, is now Assistant to FRANK COE at the International Monetary Fund.

MRS. RHODA DRURY ARNOLD, 2520-14th Street, N. W., Adams 5269, presently employed in the office of Senator EUGENE MILLIKIN of Colorado, advised that she was employed from October, 1940, until June, 1945, in the Office of Foreign Funds Control, Treasury Department, under ABIJAH U. FOX, Deputy Director, who is presently Chairman of Mathison Chemical Company. MR. JOHN W. PEHLE was Director of the Division. In June, 1945, she transferred to the Bureau of Monetary Research and was employed as Secretary to V. FRANK COE, remained until July 1, 1946, when COE resigned from the Treasury Department, and entered the International Monetary Fund. At that time MRS. ARNOLD accompanied COE and served as his Secretary and Administrative Assistant until December 31, 1946, when she voluntarily resigned because she disliked working for COE. MRS. ARNOLD indicated complete willingness to furnish any information in her possession but advised that her impressions are very incomplete and that she has no tangible information indicating disloyalty on the part of COE or the other individuals mentioned hereafter. In this connection it is observed that although the impressions of MRS. ARNOLD are quite sketchy, there is nothing inconsistent in her statements and recollections, however hazy.

MRS. ARNOLD advised that although she had worked as Personal Secretary and Assistant for COE for a year and a half, she never felt she knew the man or understood him and described him as possessing a strange personality. She stated that he and HAROLD GLASSER, also an Assistant Director, Bureau of Monetary Research, and a subject of this case, had been devoted friends and were very close to each other. She

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described GLASSER as the more brilliant of the two and stated COE never made a move or decision without consulting HAROLD GLASSER. She observed here that when GLASSER and COE were engaged in conversations they would usually cease when she entered the room and noted that this was true with other individuals as mentioned hereafter. With further reference to GLASSER, MRS. ARNOLD stated that some time after she had transferred to the International Monetary Fund there had been some gossip concerning the wife of GLASSER being a Communist. She recalled that about that time GLASSER had been slated to represent the United States on reparations in Tokyo but that as a result of the allegations of Leftist sympathies GLASSER was never permitted to go to Tokyo.

MRS. ARNOLD advised that SONIA GOLD, subject in this case, was employed as an Economist and #1 Assistant to GLASSER at the Bureau of Monetary Research and was very friendly with FRANK COE. She stated SONIA did special research work for COE and GLASSER.

MRS. ARNOLD advised that HARRY D. WHITE was the superior of FRANK COE and had top authority and that COE was next in line in the Bureau of Monetary Research. She made the same statement with reference to WHITE, that whenever COE and WHITE were engaged in serious conversations they would cease when she entered the room, although she was supposed to be a highly trusted Secretary.

MRS. ARNOLD further related that GEORGE SILVERMAN was a frequent visitor of FRANK COE and they had lunch together on a number of occasions. She stated that as Private Secretary it was customary to listen in on portions or all of 'phone conversations, and that she had heard a number of conversations between SILVERMAN and COE in which they referred to matters as "that business" or made reference to individuals never mentioning names. She stated she felt this was very unusual and she felt slighted and offended that her employer did not trust her. She mentioned that SILVERMAN would visit COE occasionally, the visits varying in length up to one hour and a half.

MRS. ARNOLD furnished substantially the same information concerning LAUCHLIN CURRIE, recalling that COE and CURRIE had lunch together several times, though not as frequently as did SILVERMAN.

MRS. ARNOLD also recalled LUDWIG HILLMAN advising he was employed at Treasury and she described him as a flunky and pet of HARRY WHITE. She stated he was a visitor of COE and that they also

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engaged in considerable double-talk which was designedly kept from her. She stated COE and ULLMAN had lunch together considerably and recalled that ULLMAN had visited COE occasionally around 5:00 P.M., and on one occasion stayed until very late in the evening. She observed that the conversations did not always seem to concern matters of secrecy and often would be about Treasury business.

MRS. ARNOLD recalled ~~GREGORY SILVERMASTER~~ vaguely, having a recollection that he had worked very briefly with Consumer Goods Disposal while that agency was connected with the Treasury Department. She stated about three months later SILVERMASTER had called COE concerning a position in Monetary Research and she believes they had lunch together a couple of times. She stated she also believes SILVERMASTER contacted COE at a subsequent date regarding possibility of employment with the International Monetary Fund.

MRS. ARNOLD also remembered ~~VICTOR PERLO~~ as an Economist working under COE in the Bureau of Monetary Research and recalled that he worked on special assignment. She was under the impression that PERLO had met COE while both were working for the Foreign Economic Administration.

With further reference to the activity of FRANK COE, MRS. ARNOLD recalled that in about August, 1945, an important policy-making group was established known as the National Advisory Council on International Monetary and Financial Problems, and stated that FRANK COE was designated Secretary of this group. In this connection she mentioned HAROLD GLASSER had done research work for the council. She described the research work as having to do with the British and French loans, etc. The council referred to consisted of the State, Treasury and Commerce Departments, Federal Reserve Bank and Export-Import Bank, and to a considerable extent established United States policy on matters of finance. She advised that ~~VEET BASSIE~~ represented HENRY WALLACE on behalf of the Commerce Department and that FRANK COE and VEET BASSIE worked very close together.

It is recalled BASSIE was closely associated with subjects HARRY MAGDOFF and EDWARD FITZGERALD and intimately acquainted with other subjects in this case.

MRS. ARNOLD also made reference to ~~JOE (JOSIAH) DUBOIS~~, whom she described as a Left Wing individual and advised that DUBOIS had great influence in the Treasury Department and pretty much had

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his way there. She recalled that despite unfavorable publicity of the same character of that concerning GLASSER, DUBOIS had been selected for the Reparations Commission and had gone to Russia in this connection. MRS. ARNOLD stated that her principal source of information concerning DUBOIS was FLORENCE HODEL, who was a career lawyer in the office of the General Council, Treasury Department, and so close to the top that she heard considerable gossip at that level. She stated HODEL had mentioned that on one occasion DUBOIS had stamped his foot and threatened to resign unless some matter pertaining to Lend-Lease (?) was not decided favorably to the Russians. This act took place in the presence of Secretary MORGENTHAU. MRS. ARNOLD stated she believed FLORENCE HODEL was loyal completely, and could be trusted to be interviewed.

~~JOSEPH FRIEDMAN~~, Office of General Council, Treasury Department, was also discussed by MRS. ARNOLD, who stated he had been a close associate of JOE DUBOIS. She stated he was personable and well-liked as an individual but had Leftist tendencies and FLORENCE HODEL had made the same statements of him as DUBOIS, indicating both were radical and pro-Soviet.

Inquiry was made concerning HARRY WHITE'S former secretaries. MRS. ARNOLD stated that she had been acquainted with his Secretary (Administrative Assistant) ~~LINDA SHANAHAN~~, but had never been close to her due to a clash of personalities. She stated WHITE had taken LINDA in as an ordinary Stenographer and pushed her up into a responsible position with a high salary at the Treasury Department and in the International Monetary Fund, and she believed she was completely devoted to HARRY WHITE. MRS. ARNOLD stated she would make somewhat the same appraisal of Secretary ~~IRENE SCHWEITZER~~.

Mention was made of ~~GINA ROLAND PRICE~~, former Secretary to HAROLD GLASSER. MRS. ARNOLD advised this girl was of Italian extraction. She stated she believed MRS. PRICE was completely loyal to GLASSER but she believed her to be naive and not aware if anything unusual occurred. MRS. ARNOLD also mentioned that a former Secretary of FRANK COE, MRS. RUTH LUCAS, is presently an aide to FLORENCE HODEL and working under COE at the International Monetary Fund.

MRS. ARNOLD mentioned ~~EDWARD M. BERNSTEIN~~, also a former Assistant Director, Bureau of Monetary Research, observing that he and FRANK COE did not get along well. BERNSTEIN is also with the International Monetary Fund at present, where he works as head of the Research Division. She stated although HARRY WHITE had taken BERNSTEIN

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to the International Fund along with many others, she did not believe BERNSTEIN was in the same class with COE and WHITE at all. She mentioned that ~~EDWARD BERNSTEIN~~ was a very excellent administrator, whereas COE was a sloppy administrator.

As a matter of information, MRS. ARNOLD mentioned one IVER OLSEN, Commercial Specialist, formerly in Foreign Funds Control, who served as Treasury Attache at Stockholm, Sweden. She stated when he returned he was treated somewhat as an outcast by WHITE and COE and might furnish information concerning them.

Mention is made of ~~MORRIS FRIEDBERG~~, whom MRS. ARNOLD stated was employed by FRANK COE at the request of HARRY WHITE. She described this individual as very aggressive and repulsive and stated he followed COE into the International Monetary Fund. Mention is also made of ~~IRVING FRIEDMAN~~, who was a Specialist on Far Eastern matters under FRANK COE in Monetary Research and followed COE into the International Fund where he is employed in research under EDWARD M. BERNSTEIN. MRS. ARNOLD felt that IRVING FRIEDMAN was more of the type of EDWARD BERNSTEIN.

FLORENCE HODEL WAGNER, 2100 Connecticut Avenue, who uses her maiden name, MISS FLORENCE HODEL, was interviewed principally concerning JOSIAH DUBOIS, under Loyalty of Government Employees. MISS HODEL advised she had entered on duty at the Treasury Department in 1939 in the office of the General Council working under BERNARD BERNSTEIN, and became acquainted with JOE DUBOIS in this position. She also worked for a time in Foreign Funds Control, and in January, 1944, worked as Assistant to JOHN W. PEHLE on the War Refugee Board, which was set up as an executive agency in the Office of the President.

JOE DUBOIS and JOSEPH FRIEDMAN served as Counsel for the War Refugee Board and she associated with them considerably in this connection.

MISS HODEL described DUBOIS as a very able and dynamic ideaman and stated he was an excellent draftsman of legal documents. She stated that he was a policy man and recalled he and HARRY WHITE had accompanied Secretary HENRY MORGENTHAU, JR., on a visit to England and France in 1944, and upon their return the MORGENTHAU Plan was evolved, intimating that DUBOIS and WHITE may have been originators of this plan.

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MISS HODEL, stated under rather persistent questioning that DUBOIS, JOSEPH FRIEDMAN, GLASSER, WHITE and BERNSTEIN, along with several others, constituted a group which she described as a Left Wing group. However, she expressed inability to state that their sympathies were pro-Soviet and did not recall any of them expressing any particular sympathies for Communism. Therefore, she stated she could not question their loyalty. She mentioned specifically that at that time we were allied with Russia and our objectives were somewhat parallel with those of Russia.

She did mention that upon his return from Russia in connection with reparations, DUBOIS had mentioned that the Russians were tough babies and it was difficult to work out problems with them. She added that this surprised her but was then unable to explain very clearly why she was surprised.

It is noted MISS HODEL spoke very highly of the loyalty and integrity of JOHN PEHLE and ANSEL LUXFORD and EDWARD BERNSTEIN and her positive assertions concerning these individuals were noticeably in contrast to the statements concerning the other individuals mentioned above. She subsequently made reference to her present superior, FRANK COE, and placed him in the same category with PEHLE and LUXFORD, stating she felt COE would speak frankly and honestly if he were contacted.

From highly confidential sources it is known that SILVERMAN spoke with CHRIS and FLORENCE WAGNER on a number of occasions. Questioned concerning SILVERMAN, MISS HODEL advised she met him while working for the War Refugee Board and said he had been brought in by General WILLIAM O'DWYER, presently Mayor of New York. She stated SILVERMAN was supposed to be very brilliant and admitted that after great delays he would reach rather thoroughly logical conclusions but claimed that he had worried her a great deal. She expressed considerable doubt regarding SILVERMAN'S sympathies but declared she had no reason to question his loyalty to the United States. She stated he was definitely to the left and possessed Left Wing ideologies, and was always talking of the post war period and after in terms of an inevitable new Socialist Order.

MRS. HODEL was asked about WILLIAM H. TAYLOR, and stated she knew who he was and that he was an assistant to HARRY WHITE but knew little else concerning him.

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Reference was made to VICTOR PERLO and MISS HODEL stated she had met him on one occasion when she was requested to interview and brief PERLO at a time when PERLO was being considered for a position overseas with the refugee organization. She stated she disliked him very much because of his manner and attitude but knew nothing whatever concerning his loyalty.

It is noted that the interview with MISS HODEL was particularly disappointing in view of the statements of MRS. RHODA ARNOLD. HODEL is described as a very intelligent woman who apparently has held important posts. It is observed she was ill then as at the beginning of the interview when the Agents announced their investigation concerned JOSIAH DUBOIS.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd *DL*

DATE: August 5, 1948

FROM : H. B. Fletcher *HBF*

SUBJECT: **GREGORY ESPIONAGE - R**

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ASAC Belmont of New York, during the course of another conversation at 11:50 a.m., advised that Nelson Frank has stated that with reference to the appearance of Alger Hiss before the Thomas Committee, there was a story out that Hiss some time when Byrnes was Secretary of State, was called in by Byrnes and Byrnes advised him that the Department of Justice had furnished information as to his Communist affiliations. It was reported that Byrnes suggested that Hiss go to the Justice Department to straighten this matter out. Nelson Frank stated that it was his opinion that Hiss resigned from the Department of State shortly thereafter. Frank's source is Isaac Levine of Plaintalk publication.

Frank advised further that the Thomas Committee was aware of this reported conversation between Byrnes and Hiss. [REDACTED]

Hiss further stated that he had tried to get an appointment with the Director about it, but was unable to do so and finally talked to you.

Nelson Frank also reported that Abraham George Silverman is subpoenaed to appear before the Thomas Committee at 10:00 a.m., August 6, 1948.

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*Memo Ladd to Director
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: August 9, 1948

FROM : *W. Guy* GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

SUBJECT: GREGORY,
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This is to advised that on the morning of Monday, August 9, 1948, investigator LOUIS A. RUSSELL of the House Committee on Un-American Activities advised Special Agent R. I. NIXON of this office of a conference which had taken place on Sunday, August 8, 1948, among members of the House Committee.

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Mr. RUSSELL advised that Assistant Director NICHOLS had in confidence informed Congressman RICHARD NIXON of California, a member of the committee, of the \$2,000.00 which Informant BENTLEY had received in payment for her activities from ANTOLLE GROMOV and that during the conference which took place on Sunday, Congressman NIXON and Congressman MUNDT were in favor of subpoenaing the Director for the purpose of introducing this information into the committee hearings as evidence.

I didn't note any such statement
RUSSELL indicated that he and ROBERT STRIPLING, Chief Investigator of the committee had been in opposition to this move and had suggested that the Attorney General be subpoenaed to introduce this information. *G. I. R.*

RUSSELL indicated that Congressman PARNELL THOMAS, Chairman of the committee was not present at the conference and RUSSELL was of the opinion that if THOMAS were contacted by the Director or an official of the Bureau, that it could be satisfactorily worked out that the Director would not have to appear before the committee.

RUSSELL further advised that the committee had been unable to obtain any information from ALEXANDER KORAL, although newspaper accounts had carried contrary information. RUSSELL stated that most of the newspapers had taken the lead from an article appearing in the New York World Telegram written by NELSON FRANK who had indicated that KORAL was a co-operative witness and intimated the information that KORAL would be able to furnish to the committee. RUSSELL was of the opinion that FRANK had in some manner obtained this from the Grand Jury hearings which were held in New York, but stated that although KORAL did not deny anything with regard to this investigation, he had merely refused to make any answers whatsoever.

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LETTER TO THE DIRECTOR

August 9, 1948

RUSSELL stated it was the intention of the committee to have KORAL appear before a public session on the morning of August 9, 1948 and that the committee intended to hear ~~VICTOR PERLO~~ in the afternoon.

With regard to PERLO, RUSSELL stated that on Saturday, August 7, 1948, PERLO had been questioned by investigators in New York and that PERLO had requested to introduce a prepared statement into the record. However, when he was requested to place the statement into the record under oath, he refused and withdrew the statement. PERLO further refused to answer any questions put to him by the committee on the basis that they would tend to incriminate him.

RUSSELL stated that it was the intention of the committee to hear LUDWIG ULLHAM, ROBERT T. MILLER, HENRY H. COLLINS and CHARLES KRAMER on Tuesday, August 10, 1948. RUSSELL indicated that COLLINS had not yet been reached for the purposes of serving a subpoena.

In the event additional information is received in this regard, it will be furnished you promptly.

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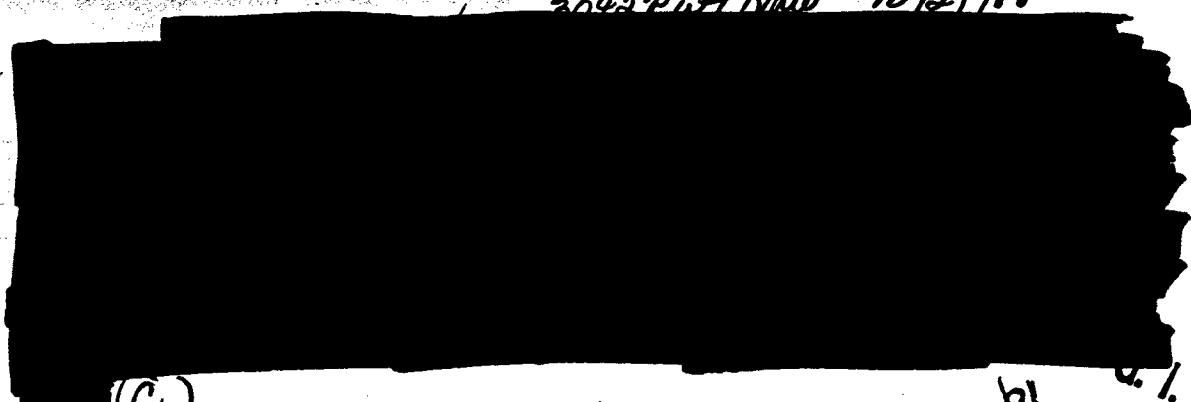
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(C) The above information concerning HART is furnished for the general information of the Bureau. *b1 U.I.R.-2*

It is recalled that following the dismissals of the celebrated 10 individuals by the State Department, ED HART conducted several of his programs offering the unidentified individuals believed to have been BERNARD NORTMAN and JAMES ANSARA, an opportunity to set forth their side of the case. Examples of HART'S attitude have been noted in other conversations furnished by highly confidential informants. On December 9, 1946, HART discussed a new radio program with ARTHUR STEIN, UPWA. He mentioned that Senator JOE BALL was going to be their guest on "What Are the Republicans Going to do About Strikes", and HART stated he was interested in leading the audience with labor people to "boo the hell out of _____".

Again on March 24, 1947, HART endeavored to contact LARRY KAMMET, UPWA, concerning a program on the TRUMAN directive vs WALLACE and PEPPER policy. He left word he wanted to contact LARRY as the latter would work hard to get 20 or 30 calls to make sure they got the reaction desired on this plebiscite. Again on April 14, 1947, HART spoke with WREN HUTCHINS advising her that RUSSELL NIXON was to appear on his program along with FRANK KENT and a Senator from Kansas who is on the Labor Committee, and he wanted WREN to make some calls to see that RUSSELL has a large audience, to check this out, the Senator from Kansas.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : *JGH* GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

SUBJECT: GREGORY ET AL
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(Bureau File 65-56402) *(u)*

DATE: August 10, 1948

Attention: Mr. HOWARD FLETCHER *White*

A Special Agent of this office attended the August 6, 1948 session of the Senate Investigating Committee which was held in the Senate Caucus Room, Senate Office Building, under the chairmanship of Senator HOMER FERGUSON (Michigan). *(u)*

This session was confined entirely to reading into the record on the part of the Senators on the committee their criticism against President TRUMAN's failure to release governmental personnel and investigative files pertaining to WILLIAM REMINGTON. *(u)*

During this session no witnesses were heard and the session was concluded after the six Senators present presented a few short remarks expressing their criticism of the attitude on the part of President TRUMAN in withholding information pertinent to the Senate Inquiry. *(u)*

During the course of this session, there was no reference to this Bureau in any manner and the remarks were confined entirely to a discussion of President TRUMAN's reaction to the Congressional and Senate Hearings. *(u)*

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : *[Handwritten initials]* GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: GREGORY
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WILLIAM WALTER REMINGTON

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An agent of this office attended the afternoon session of the Senate Investigations Committee on August 5, 1948, in pursuance with Bureau instructions. (u)

Mr. MATHEW HALE, Associate Counsel, Commerce Department, testified that, acting upon instructions from CLARK CLIFFORD of the White House, he, HALE, removed papers from REMINGTON's personnel file which in his discretion fell within the purview of the President's Executive Order pertaining to loyalty before submitting the file to the Committee. He stated that these papers are presently retained under his custody and control at the Department of Commerce. (u)

BERNARD GLADIEUS of the Commerce Department, testified that under date of May 11, 1948, Attorney General CLARK advised Commerce Secretary SAWYER, concerning REMINGTON, but that this letter, which he has never seen and does not know the contents of, was "misplaced" and has not been located up to this time. Secretary SAWYER requested a suitability check on REMINGTON and this was handled by THOMAS JOSEPH SCANLON, Department of Commerce investigator, who testified that he was advised by the FBI on May 12, 1948, that REMINGTON came within the purview of Executive Order 9835, meaning that he was currently being investigated. (u)

SCANLON testified that the Commerce Department asked the FBI several times when REMINGTON's investigation would be completed and finally on June 11, 1948, was advised that it was completed and that the report would be in the hands of the Civil Service Commission within a few days. About June 18, 1948, the Commerce Department received from the CSC a copy of the FBI's investigative report on REMINGTON. A Commerce Department official studied this report over the weekend of June 18, 1948, and then reported to Secretary SAWYER. Subsequently, REMINGTON was called in and advised that he was being placed on "indefinite leave", commencing June 28, 1948. (u)

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Questioning developed that the Commerce Department is presently not certain just what REMINGTON's status is under "indefinite leave". Further, that under the provisions of the Executive Order, only the Civil Service Commission can bring charges against REMINGTON, and that the matter is out of the hands of the Commerce Department. To date, no action has been taken by the Civil Service Commission concerning REMINGTON. (u)

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TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *ABT*

DATE: August 5, 1948

FROM : MR. D. M. LADD *DL*

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Mr. Gus Vanech called on August 5, 1948, in connection with Alger Hiss. He stated that he was wondering if the Bureau could obtain any information concerning how he had gotten his job at the Carnegie Institute; that it was rumored that he might have gotten a job through John Foster Dulles.

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I suggested that it might be more desirable for him to check the file at the State Department to see if this file reflected anything of interest. Mr. Vanech stated that this would be done.

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TO : Director, FBI Attn: Mr. HOWARD FLETCHER DATE: August 5, 1948

FROM : *W. J. Lewis*
Sgt. GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: GREGORY
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Re: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES
OPEN SESSION, AUGUST 5, 1948
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On this date, the House Committee on Un-American Activities met in open session at 10:30 A. M. in the Caucus Room of the Old House Office Building, with Chairman MUNDT presiding. The Committee heard its first witness, Representative FRED E. BUSHEY, who read into the record a lengthy report which was a concentrated criticism of the Civil Service Commission. Representative BUSHEY's principal criticism in effect was that individuals such as NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER and others of like questionable loyalty could still retain government positions despite the existence of voluminous derogatory data in the hands of several investigative agencies.

Following the testimony of Representative BUSHEY, Representative JOHN McDOWELL (R) of Pennsylvania, commented about investigators of other government investigative agencies using the indices, reports and facilities of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Representative McDOWELL stated that thus far, mostly in connection with the Loyalty Program, other governmental investigative employees had checked names in the House Committee files approximately 22,000 times. He said he would venture to say that if he would (at that moment) go over to the House Committee on Un-American Activities offices, he would likely see at least three Civil Service Commission Investigators and possibly two or three F. B. I. Agents there, obtaining data.

McDOWELL went on to state, that he contemplated, at an early Executive Session, making a motion to deny access to House Committee on Un-American Activities indices and records to other governmental investigative agencies. This, McDOWELL explained, would be a retaliatory measure because, by Executive Order of President TRUMAN, investigative reports prepared by F. B. I. and the Civil Service Commission had been denied to the House Committee.

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Subsequently, Representative JOHN E. RANKIN, Mississippi, remarked that Congressional bodies probably would have to operate under such conditions (the Executive Order denying accessibility to F. B. I., Civil Service Commission and other reports) until such time as the F. B. I. was made a separate and independent investigative body.

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ALGER ~~HISS~~ took the stand and emphatically denied all allegations made against his loyalty, emphatically denied that all accusations made against him by WHITTAKER ~~CHAMBERS~~ in the previous session on Monday, August 2, 1948. HISS appeared to create a favorable impression and he exhibited a very cooperative attitude towards the House Committee members. HISS answered all questions specifically without any hesitation or apparent evasion. HISS emphatically denied ever having known WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

During the entire course of the open session, nothing was stated or inferred, either by witnesses or by House Committee Members, which might reflect unfavorably on this Bureau.

It was announced the Committee would re-convene in Executive (closed) Session today at 3:00 P. M.

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TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED FROM WASHINGTON THIS AM THAT REPRESENTATIVE
NIXON HAS ANNOUNCED ALEXANDER KORAL IS MYSTERIOUS WITNESS REFERRED TO
IN THOMAS COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS OF PAST TWO DAYS. KORAL IS
APPARENTLY TELLING COMMITTEE INVESTIGATORS SAME STORY AS HE GAVE
AGENTS INASMUCH AS NELSON FRANK STATES INFORMANT GREGORY COMMENTED TO
HIM THAT KORAL MUST HAVE KNOWN WHAT HE WAS DOING WHEN HE WAS ACTING
AS COURIER BETWEEN SILVERMASTER AND UNKNOWN SUBJECT FRANK. IT WILL BE
RECALLED KORAL CONTENDED HE DID NOT KNOW NATURE OF ERRANDS HE WAS
RUNNING BETWEEN THOSE TWO INDIVIDUALS NOR IDENTITY OF FRANK. NELSON
FRANK ALSO ADVISED COMMITTEE IS QUESTIONING EARL BROWDER, WHITTAKER,
CHAMBERS, VICTOR PERLO AND DUNCAN LEE AND ACCORDING TO HIM IS
ACHIEVING CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS WITH LATTER.

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cc: Mr. Fletcher
Mr. Jones

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. FLETCHER

DATE: August 5

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: WHITTAKER CHAMBERS

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- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Coffey _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
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- Miss Beahm _____
- Miss Gandy _____

On the evening of August 6, Peyton Ford called and stated he would like to have Tom Donegan check the Bureau file for any information on Whittaker Chambers. Mr. Donegan called and checked the files in connection with this matter with Mr. Whitson. He subsequently advised me that he had informed Mr. Ford that the Bureau had never conducted any actual investigation of Whittaker Chambers and had no derogatory information.

Subsequently, on the afternoon of August 7, Mr. Peyton Ford again called and suggested that a summary be prepared for him. I advised him at that time that a memorandum was being prepared and he would be furnished with copies of the report of the investigation.

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Dear Sir:

~~Mr. Bentley~~ ^{BENTLEY}

~~Mr. Bentley~~ is not a liar as I have heard these men's names while employed by H.J. Heinz Co on aircraft work also as employ of Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp and resident of Pittsburgh Pa. I did on both occasions report to the Phy Branch F.B.I.

Please do not quit me as my life is safer here but if I can help I will try as I am ex army & machine

LUIS(?) W. WHITT

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : *St. Guy* GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

SUBJECT: GREGORY ET AL
ESPIONAGE - R
(Bureau File 65-56402)

DATE: August 10, 1948

Attention: Mr. *ABT* EDWARD FLETCHER

Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Gurnea	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Mohr	.....
Mr. Pennington	.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm	.....
Mr. Nease	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

On August 9, 1948, House of Representatives Committee on Un-American Activities met in open hearing to accept the testimony of VICTOR PERLO, ALEXANDER KORAL, ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY and GILDA DeFRANK BURKE.

The committee met in the Caucus Room of the Old House Office Building and convened at 10:30 A. M. The committee was under the chairmanship of J. PARNELL THOMAS. The first witness, ALEXANDER KORAL, was called, but due to the failure of his attorney to put in an appearance, KORAL's testimony was put off until the afternoon session.

The committee then called VICTOR PERLO, who, after being sworn, refused to answer all pertinent questions on constitutional grounds. PERLO was confronted by ELIZABETH BENTLEY and he refused to identify her. Miss BENTLEY then took the stand and gave the committee a resume of the activities of PERLO. Thereafter, PERLO again took the stand and refused to answer any further questions, claiming constitutional grounds.

At the conclusion of his testimony, PERLO introduced a statement, a copy of which was obtained and which is being included herewith as an enclosure. In regard to the statement of VICTOR PERLO, with reference to paragraph five, Congressman F. EDWARD HEBERT (Louisiana) pointed out PERLO was submitting this statement under oath and as such the statement would be subject to the laws of perjury. He then pointed out that PERLO's statement denied and refuted the testimony previously submitted by Miss BENTLEY.

The upshot of this exchange between PERLO, his attorney, IRA GOLLOBIN and Congressman HEBERT was that PERLO stated he would strike out paragraph five of his statement. He then proceeded to read into the record the statement which is submitted as an enclosure.

The afternoon session of the committee was devoted to the testimony of witness ALEXANDER KORAL who was represented by LEO PRAEGER, attorney of New York City.

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August 10, 1948

After being sworn and identified, KORAL refused to answer all pertinent questions, claiming that he did not want to incriminate himself. It is to be pointed out that during the testimony of KORAL, he refused to answer all pertinent questions, and did not offer any information which previously had been submitted to this Bureau in the form of a signed statement. Towards the conclusion of KORAL's testimony, Congressman HEBERT asked KORAL if he (KORAL) ever had given a signed statement to anybody in which KORAL previously admitted participation as an espionage agent. KORAL declined to answer this question and Congressman HEBERT then in furtherance of his question, asked KORAL if he had ever given a statement to any governmental agency concerning his (KORAL's) participation as an espionage agent. As KORAL continued to decline to answer, Congressman HEBERT made the remark that he knew on good authority that KORAL actually had made a signed statement in which he (KORAL) had admitted acting as an espionage agent.

Following the testimony of KORAL, the committee heard the testimony of Investigator LOUIS RUSSELL who gave a summary of the activities of KORAL.

The committee also heard the testimony of GILDA DeFRANK BURKE who was identified as being the former personal secretary and administrative assistant to NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER during his employment in various government agencies. The pertinent portion of her testimony consisted of her introducing into evidence a telephone index pad which formerly had been the property of SILVERMASTER and to which index pad in her employment under SILVERMASTER, Mrs. BURKE frequently referred to in calling various individuals whom SILVERMASTER in previous testimony had declined to identify.

Individuals identified by Mrs. BURKE as having been contacted frequently by SILVERMASTER included such persons as DAVID WAHL, JOHN ABT, HARRY D. WHITE, WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMAN, GEORGE SILVERMAN, SAUL ADLER, LAUHLIN CURRIE, BELA and SONIA GOLD, HAROLD GLASSER, WILLIAM H. TAYLOR, DONALD WHEELER, CHARLES KRAMER, HARRY MAGDOFF, EDWARD JOSEPH FITZGERALD, and others. SOLOMON

Mr. STRIPLING pointed out to the committee that the telephone index pad formerly belonged to SILVERMASTER and would be retained in evidence and that Mrs. BURKE would be called at a subsequent time if necessary.

At the conclusion of the hearing today, it was announced that KORAL would remain under subpoena subject to being recalled at a later date. The committee also announced that hearings would resume at 10:00 A. M. August 10, 1948 in the Caucus Room of the Old House Office Building, at which time, it was announced, the testimony of DUNCAN LEE would be heard.

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LETTER TO THE DIRECTOR

August 10, 1948

During the entire course of the hearings held on August 9, 1948, there was no reference whatsoever to the FBI in any manner and there was nothing said either by members of the committee or by witnesses which might be construed as an unfavorable reflection upon this Bureau.

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STATEMENT OF VICTOR

to the House Committee on Democrat. Activities, August 9, 1948.

My name is Victor Perlo. I was born in 1912 in Queens County, New York, where I now reside. I graduated from Columbia College in 1931, and received my Master's Degree in mathematics at Columbia University the following year. I have contributed to various technical publications on economic, statistical, and mathematical subjects. I did two years of research in wage and price economics at the Brookings Institution.

From 1933 through 1937 I served at the N.R.A. and the Home Owners Loan Corporation, helping in my humble way to carry out the great New Deal program under the leadership of Franklin D. Roosevelt. From 1939 through 1947 I served at the Commerce Department, the Office of Price Administration, the War Production Board, and the Treasury. I contributed my small part to the establishment of the price controls which prevented ruinous inflation during World War II, to the acceleration of war production necessary for victory, and to the development of peaceful world trade after the war.

I am now a consulting economist in New York, employed for the current campaign by the Progressive Party.

The lurid spy charges of the Bentley woman and of Chambers are inventions of irresponsible sensation seekers. The Government has already spent a half million dollars on them. A grand Jury sat for over a year investigating them and found no basis for indictments in those charges despite improper newspaper pressure for such indictments. Therefore it is the height of legal and moral impropriety for this committee to rake up these charges which have been fully sifted by normal judicial processes.

I vigorously deny the charges which have been levelled against me. I am a loyal American citizen, and I categorically assert that I have never violated the laws or interests of my country.

I am proud of my record of service to the people while in Government employment.

I am particularly proud of my present opportunity to contribute to the great campaign of Henry Wallace for peace, against inflation, and for decent living standards and full democratic rights for all people. Nothing will deter me from continuing to make my small contribution to building an abundant and prosperous America.

It is becoming increasingly clear that despite headline spy sensations, the people resent the failure of the Special Session of Congress to act on the urgent problems facing the country. The people will echo Mr. Wallace's call for more red meat and less red herrings.

The people will increasingly demand election of a Congress and Government which will bring prices down and incomes up, which will provide housing, education, health and peace.

I am confident that public sentiment will be revolted by witch-hunts, and will demand instead the investigation of war instigators, of fomentors of race hatred, of those who are truly endangering our very civilization today.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 6, 1948

FROM : SAC, Atlanta

SUBJECT: ^D NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was, et al;
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(GREGORY CASE)
(BUFILE 65-56402)

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Transmitted herewith is an editorial appearing in the Albany Herald,
Albany, Georgia, which will probably be of interest to the Bureau.

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A Case for Investigation

Straight from the pages of an E. Phillips Oppenheim espionage intrigue is the strange tale unfolding before the House Un-American Activities Committee from the lips of Elizabeth T. Bentley, usually staid Vassar's greatest claim to notoriety in that she is a confessed former spy of the Soviet Union. Miss Bentley's testimony implicated 30 war-time Government officials including two of the pillars of the New Deal, who she said supplied her with top secret, detailed information concerning the American war effort for transmission to her superiors.

Topping her list of informers were Laughlin Currie, former executive assistant to President Franklin Roosevelt, and Harry D. White, former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. Miss Bentley testified her spy network in Washington yielded such choice plums of information as aircraft production figures, some still unmentionable items from Wild Bill Donovan's Office of Strategic Services, the news that American intelligence was on the verge of breaking the Russian code, and that parachute-borne missions were attempting to negotiate surrenders secretly in the Balkans. "We knew about D-Day long before D-Day happened," she boasted. The Messrs. Currie and White were quick to deny the accusations, the former asserting he did not know Miss Bentley and the latter labeling her charges "fantastic".

As a result of these and allied developments at the heat-weary "turnip session" of the 80th Congress, the Un-American Activities Committee demanded the impaneling of a "blue ribbon" Federal grand jury to investigate Communist espionage and other activities in the Government. Chairman J. Parnell Thomas said there is a "tremendous need for exposure and conviction" in such cases. Few Americans—excepting possibly certain members of Henry Wallace's Progressive Party—will disagree in the light of Miss Bentley's belated but nonetheless sensational testimony. Some authorized agency, whether it be a grand jury or a Congressional committee, should probe into such pertinent aspects of this case as (1) Whether or not the "co-op-

erators" named Miss Bentley are guilty of treason; (2) why all this information has been more than three years in coming to light; (3) why Miss Bentley chose the heat of a Presidential election campaign in which to make her revelations; (4) if the testimony was politically inspired, particularly in view of the implication of ranking New Dealers; and (5) why the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which Miss Bentley said was told of these alleged facts earlier, made no arrests and apparently did not question the officials involved.

The Bentley testimony is second in importance only to the Igor Gouzenko case in Canada, where a Soviet espionage ring thus was disclosed by this embassy executive to be operating with its target being information on the manufacturing "know-how" of the atomic bomb. The implications of the Bentley case are fully as broad and as terrifying as those of the Gouzenko case. Patriotic Americans rightfully expect an exhaustive investigation and subsequent prosecutions where the evidence deems this tactic to be necessary, and it is only reasonable to hope that these actions will not be launched in an atmosphere charged heavily with the electricity of partisan politics.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. NICHOLS *Jf*

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT:

DATE: August 16, 1948

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- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Holmes
- Miss Gandy

Upon receipt of your inquiry concerning whether the Bureau had taken 700 feet of film in the Gregory Case showing her meets with the various subjects, I checked with Supervisor Floyd L. Jones who in turn checked with the Washington Field Office and verified that they had taken no pictures of any meet with Gregory, that they had taken individual pictures of some of the subjects for identification purposes only.

I then checked with Mr. Touhy of the New York Office in the absence of ASAC Belmont. After checking with the Supervisor handling the case and after calling Mr. Donegan, Mr. Touhy advised me that the New York Office had taken no photographs of any of the meets of Gregory and that no motion pictures had been shown to the Grand Jury. *R*

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TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

DATE: August 5, 1948

FROM : MR. D. M. LADD

SUBJECT: GREGORY CASE *gh (u)*ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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For record purposes, it should be noted that upon receipt of a copy of the proposed letter from Mr. Peyton Ford to Mr. William Rogers, dated August 4, 1948, advising of the distribution of the information concerning Remington, I telephonically advised both Mr. Peyton Ford and Gus Vanech on August 4, 1948, that in addition to the distribution set forth in the proposed letter that a memorandum had been forwarded to Admiral Leahy at the White House on March 13, 1946, to General Vaughan on February 25, 1946, to George Allen on December 13, 1946, and specifically information dealing with Remington had been furnished to ONI on March 12, 1947, and again to Mr. Steelman on March 21, 1947; that I thought this should be included in the letter in order to be accurate. *(u)*

Subsequently on the same evening a memorandum was forwarded to Mr. Peyton Ford giving him the complete distribution. *(u)*

While talking to Mr. Gus Vanech, he advised that Assistant Secretary of the Navy John Sullivan had appeared before the Committee and had refused to testify in view of the President's Loyalty Order. *(u)*

Mr. Vanech stated that Mr. Meloy had also testified and had pointed out that Congress had only appropriated \$11,000,000 for the Loyalty Program, and that there was a tremendous amount of work involved and that naturally the investigations could not be completed in short order. *(u)*

Mr. Vanech further advised that he did not believe that any letter would go to the Committee, but that if a letter went with any dates of distribution, it would be all inclusive. *(u)*

As a matter of interest in connection with this same case, Mr. Vincent Quinn advised me on August 4, 1948, that the Attorney General had proposed a press release. He wanted to know whether the Bureau should look at this press release. *(u)*

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I advised him "no" until such time as I had had an opportunity to talk with the Director. After talking with the Director, I again talked to Mr. Quinn advising him that the Director thought it would be desirable to see the press release if one was issued. (u)

Mr. Quinn advised that they had decided against issuing a press release. (u)

He further advised that the Attorney General refused to testify if called before the Committee on the basis of (1) the President's Loyalty Order, (2) the confidential nature of the material, and, (3) the fact that this matter is presently pending before a Federal Grand Jury. (u)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD *[Handwritten initials]*
 FROM : MR. WALL *[Handwritten initials]*
 SUBJECT: WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
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- Mr. Harbo _____
- Mr. Mohr _____
- Mr. Pennington _____
- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Gandy _____

Reference is made to my memorandum to you today concerning a call received from Mr. James Welsh, of the Secret Service at the White House, relative to Whittaker Chambers.

Pursuant to your request, Supervisor C. H. Stanley telephonically contacted Mr. James Welsh at 5:00 PM on August 7, 1948 and advised him that no investigation of Chambers had been conducted by the FBI. However, we had conducted preliminary inquiry concerning him for the purpose of identifying him to see whether we should interview him.

Mr. Welsh was advised that Chambers was subsequently interviewed by the FBI and that reports concerning these inquiries have been furnished to Mr. Peyton Ford, the Assistant to the Attorney General, and it was suggested that Mr. Welsh might desire to get in touch with Mr. Ford for any further information concerning this matter.

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TO : MR. LADD *[Signature]*
 FROM : MR. WALL *[Signature]*
 SUBJECT: WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
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- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
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At approximately 3:00 PM on August 7, 1948, Supervisor C. H. Stanley received a call from Mr. James Welsh, of the Secret Service, Extension 208, White House. Mr. Welsh stated he had been requested from the Executive Offices of the President to call the FBI and ascertain whether an investigation had ever been conducted by the FBI concerning Whittaker Chambers.

Mr. Welsh indicated the only information he had concerning Whittaker Chambers was that he was from New York and he could furnish no other identifying data.

Mr. Welsh was advised, of course, that Supervisor Stanley was not aware of whether we had ever conducted an investigation of Whittaker Chambers, but that the matter would be referred to the appropriate official in the Bureau.

Mr. Welsh specifically requested that the call be returned THIS afternoon.

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*Memo to AG
 attn. Peyton Ford
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TO : THE DIRECTOR

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: GREGORY
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Payton Moore of the Department called on August 10 and stated that Secretary Forrestal had called the Department and wanted a copy of the material which had been furnished to him in December, 1945, with reference to the Gregory Case and also desired to know how it was delivered.

It requested that the material be forwarded to him in the Department for delivery to Secretary Forrestal.

This memorandum was transmitted on the general.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: August 11, 1948

FROM: *John* GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

SUBJECT: GREGORY ET AL
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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
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MR. STOWARD FLETCHER

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This is to advise that an Agent of this office attended the open hearings held by the House Committee on Un-American Activities August 10, 1948 in the Caucus Room of the Old House Office Building.

The committee heard as witnesses DUNCAN C. LEE, ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMAN and ROBERT MILLER.

DUNCAN C. LEE who appeared without counsel admitted having known Miss BENTLEY over a period of approximately fifteen months and through her admitted having met GOLOS on two occasions. He also admitted having had social acquaintanceship with numerous other individuals who previously have been mentioned in connection with this group in House Committee hearings. LEE did not make any admissions which were pertinent and denied all allegations of espionage. LEE also admitted formerly having been General Counsel of New York City for the Russian War Relief prior to his appointment to OSS and subsequent to the war admitted having become a member of the Institute of Pacific Relations.

At the conclusion of the testimony of DUNCAN LEE, Congressman HERBERT of Louisiana remarked that he would ask the Department of Justice to conduct an investigation concerning the perjury which evidently had taken place before the committee either on the part of witness LEE or Miss BENTLEY.

The first witness for the afternoon session was WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMAN who was represented by Attorney DAVID REIN. ULLMAN was permitted to present a prepared statement and thereafter through questioning the committee developed his association with NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER since 1935. ULLMAN declined to answer all pertinent questions on the grounds that they might incriminate him and he was evasive on all questions pertaining to alleged photographic equipment in the SILVERMASTER basement.

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LETTER TO THE DIRECTOR

August 11, 1948

With reference to the photographic equipment and his knowledge of photography, Chairman Representative J. PARNELL THOMAS said to ULLMAN: "Suppose I would say the FBI had told me that you had photographic equipment in the SILVERMASTER basement. Would it be the truth?" This question ULLMAN also refused to answer and another question put to him with reference to the FBI was this - One of the committee members asked ULLMAN if he had ever been questioned by the FBI and he declined to answer this question. The last question put to him by the committee was whether or not he had admitted to the FBI that he (ULLMAN) was a member of the Communist Party. ULLMAN also declined to answer that question on constitutional grounds.

The last witness heard by the committee was ROBERT MILLER who was accompanied by his attorney, BERTRAM BAKERMAN. MILLER outlined his educational and employment background and admitted knowing ELIZABETH BENTLEY and JACOB GOLOS but he denied all other allegations made by BENTLEY concerning MILLER's activities as an espionage agent and source of information. During the testimony of MILLER, Mr. ROBERT STRIPLING read into the statement a memo which he said had been obtained from the records of the State Department and in which memo it was stated ROBERT MILLER was considered a security risk in the State Department and for that reason, his employment should be terminated. According to STRIPLING, reading from the memorandum which had been addressed to Mr. DONALD RUSSELL, the information relating to MILLER being considered a security risk was attributed to investigative information made available by the FBI.

Congressman MUNDT asked ROBERT MILLER whether or not a person could belong to the Communist Party and still be a loyal American citizen, inasmuch as MILLER had claimed he was a loyal American citizen. In reply to that question, MILLER conferred with his attorney and after considerable hesitation said that he "could conceive of it." MILLER made the same affirmative reply to that question on three specific occasions during the interrogation.

During the proceedings before the House Committee on this date, there was no derogatory reference whatsoever to the FBI

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: August 12, 1948

FROM : H. B. Fletcher *HBF*

SUBJECT: GREGORY

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- Miss Gandy _____

You will recall that on August 6, 1948, Supervisor S. W. Reynolds received a call from Air Forces Intelligence stating that they wanted to be furnished with a copy of the summary in the Silvermaster case that was furnished to G-2 on March 7, 1946, and also with a copy of the letter that was furnished to General Vandenberg when he was Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, on February 12, 1946 regarding William Ludwig Willmann.

You will recall that you observed that if G-2 did not desire to part with their copies of these items we could not engage in additional distribution at this time without obtaining the approval of the Director and you instructed that Supervisor Reynolds determine from the Army Air Forces Intelligence just why they needed these items at this time since there was nothing regarding the distribution of such information that General Carroll could possibly testify to in the event he was called before any Congressional committee.

ACTION:

Supervisor Reynolds has been checking with the officer who relayed the request daily and has yet received no answer to his inquiry. As soon as an answer is received it will be called to your attention promptly.

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PROSOBY ESPIONAGE - R. FOLLOWING TELETYPE RECEIVED FROM SAN FRANCISCO AUGUST
TWELVE LAST. QUOTE REHEL AUGUST NINE LAST. BORIS VOLKOV, DIVORCED HUSBAND OF
PRESENT WIFE OF SILVERMASTER, ADVISED HE WOULD TESTIFY THAT SILVERMASTER ADMITTED
TO HIM ABOUT NINETEEN TWENTY SEVEN THAT HE WAS A COMMUNIST AND THAT HE BELIEVED
IN MASS TERROR AS A WEAPON NECESSARY IN DESTROYING THE RULING CLASSES. AT ABOUT
SAME TIME OR DURING NINETEEN TWENTY SEVEN, VOLKOV MET SILVERMASTER COMING DOWN
STAIRS IN SV POST OFFICE BLDG. VOLKOV ASKED SILVERMASTER WHAT HE WAS DOING.
SILVERMASTER REPLIED IN EFFECT THAT HE HAD TAKEN OATH IN A NATURALIZATION
PROCEEDING. VOLKOV BELIEVES IT WAS SILVERMASTER'S NATURALIZATION CASE, BUT
STATES SILVERMASTER MIGHT HAVE BEEN WITNESS UNDER OATH IN ANOTHER NATURALIZATION
CASE. VOLKOV THEN IN PO ASKED SILVERMASTER HOW SILVERMASTER AN
ATHEIST AND COMMUNIST COULD TAKE OATH IN SUCH PROCEEDINGS. SILVERMASTER REPLIED
QUOTE YOU ARE TOO NAIVE UNQUOTE AND CHANGED SUBJECT. SIGNED STATEMENT OBTAINED
RE ABOVE FROM VOLKOV. SILVERMASTER, AT THE TIME MARRIED, RAN A BUSINESS WITH VOLKOV'S
WIFE, HELEN PETROVA. WHEN VOLKOV'S WIFE LEFT HIM IN NINETEEN TWENTY EIGHT HE
FOUND HER WITH SILVERMASTER AT THE ATHLETON, CALIFORNIA HOME OF THE VOLKOV,
WHOM HE BELIEVES WAS ISAAC VOLKOFF. VOLKOFF IS LONG TIME CP MEMBER. SUSPECTED
COMMUNIST AGENT. [REDACTED] VOLKOV'S DIVORCED
AT SV JULY FIFTEEN, THIRTY, AND SILVERMASTER ON AUGUST TWENTY THREE, TWENTY NINE.

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DIVORCED HIS WIFE, MARIE, BEAUFIELD LIVING WITH HELEN PETROVA VOLKOV, HIS
PRESENT WIFE. VOLKOV STATES SILVERMASTER VERY PROBABLY WITH U. C. FROST, [REDACTED],
MAX RADIN, CHARLES SWANICK AND BRADON CHEVALIER. BEST FRIEND WAS [REDACTED] LOUIS
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VOLKOV ALSO HAS

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TWO LETTERS WRITTEN IN NINETEEN FORTY BY HELEN SILVERMASTER TO VOLKOV'S SON, ANATOLE BORIS VOLKOV, IN SF, AND INADVERTENTLY LEFT IN VOLKOV'S HOME BY ANATOLE. LETTERS OF PERSONAL NATURE BUT MENTION NAMES COE, ADLEY, [REDACTED] AND WHITE, ALL OF WHOM HE BELIEVES ARE IDENTICAL WITH PERSONS MENTIONED IN CURRENT HEARINGS AS MEMBERS OF SILVERMASTERS RING. STATES HE WILL NOT PRODUCE LETTERS IN COURT UNTIL HE OBTAINS PERMISSION OF ANATOLE. IS NOT AWARE OF RUSSIAN OR CP ACTIVITY ON PART OF ANATOLE AND BELIEVES HE CAN PERSUADE ANATOLE TO TESTIFY AGAINST SILVERMASTER. HE ADVISED NICHOLAS TIMIROV OF BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA, VERA IVANOVNA LAVROVA WITTE, OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN, VLADIMIR VELIKOSELSKI, OF SF, AND DR. EMILY WOELZ OF SF, AWARE OF SILVERMASTER'S CP ACTIVITY AND WILL PROBABLY COOPERATE. BUREAU ADVISES WHETHER INTERVIEW WITH THEM DESIRED. SF OFFICES CONTAIN NO DEROGATORY INFO RE TIMIROV, WITTE, VELIKOSELSKI AND WOELZ. LETTER FOLLOWS. UR-ROUTE. INTERVIEWS BEING ARRANGED WITH TIMIROV, WITTE, VELIKOSELSKI AND WOELZ. IMMEDIATELY FURNISH ABOVE INFORMATION TO DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVE HANDLING FEDERAL GRAND JURY IN THIS MATTER. AG HAS BEEN ADVISED.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD *Dg*

DATE: August 9, 1948

FROM : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBZ*

SUBJECT: 0 GREGORY
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The following are the verbatim contents of a letter sent from the New Haven Office to the New York Office dated August 29, 1945, concerning Elizabeth Bentley's visit to the New Haven Office on August 23, 1945.

"Re: LIEUTENANT PETER HELLER
Impersonation
Espionage - R

[Handwritten signature]

"Dear Sir:

"This is to advise that on August 23, 1945, Miss Elizabeth Bentley, Buxford Manor, Old Lyme, Connecticut, came to this office and made the following complaint:

"About five months ago at the St. George Hotel in Brooklyn, New York, she met an individual who stated that his name was Lieutenant Peter Heller and that he is connected with the New York State National Guard. Miss Bentley advised that she has seen Heller frequently since the original meeting and that his actions have mystified her in that he claims that he is a Government investigator and at various times has described himself as a "big shot Government spy." He has told Miss Bentley that even though he would wish to, he cannot reveal his address even to her as his work is very dangerous and his life is in constant danger.

"Miss Bentley advised that she is employed at the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation, 212 Fifth Avenue, New York City. The main business of this corporation consists of sending packages to Russia. Merchandise is purchased by individuals who desire to transmit it to some individual in Russia and her firm takes care of all the details, and through the offices of the Moore McCormick Shipping Company, arrange the transaction.

"Miss Bentley further related that approximately a month ago she had an opportunity to assume a more lucrative position with another firm but that she was told by Lieutenant Heller that he desired her to remain with the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation inasmuch as she would be able to obtain information of great value to the Government concerning Russian people who transacted business with this company. To date he has not requested her to do anything specific but speaks strongly of her duty to this country to assist in this work when the

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opportune time arrives. Miss Bentley related that if the man was legitimate and if she could be of any assistance to the Government, she would be glad to do so but that she was personally mystified as to how this could be accomplished.

"Miss Bentley's information concerning Heller was very vague inasmuch as she apparently knows little about him but she did state that every Monday and Thursday nights she can reach him at the Brooklyn Armory in Brooklyn and has frequently contacted him there by telephone. Miss Bentley described Heller as follows:

"Age	Approximately 40 to 45 years
Height	5 feet, 10 or 11 inches
Weight	170 pounds
Hair	Red, bald on top
Eyes	Blue
Scars and marks	Scar on back of neck, Scar on right thumb
Peculiarities	Nearsighted, wears glasses

"During May of 1945 Miss Bentley stated that she did not see Heller for quite some time and when he made his appearance he stated that he had been in a Navy Hospital where he had been treated for his ailment and had received excellent care due to the fact that his position as a "big shot Government spy" entitled him to such care.

"Miss Bentley advised that after Labor Day she will return to New York and resume her employment with the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation.

"It is believed that if the company that Miss Bentley works for actually is involved with any foreign government in espionage matters, that Miss Bentley could very easily be developed as an informant.

"This information is being forwarded for whatever action you may deem advisable.

"Yours very truly,

"Roger F. Gleason"

ACTION:

This is for the attention of the Agents handling the brief in the Gregory case.

*Dictated in
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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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THE DIRECTOR, FBI

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Reference is made to your telephone conversation with Assistant Director D. M. Ladd of this Bureau on August 16, 1948, at which time you were advised that the meeting between Miss Bentley and "Al" on October 17, 1945 was not covered by agents of the New York Office but that a subsequent meeting between Miss Bentley and "Al" (November 21, 1945) was covered by a physical surveillance. It was brought to your attention by Mr. Ladd that the \$2,000 was passed between Miss Bentley and "Al" during the October 17, 1945 meeting. You requested that a check be made with the agents of the New York Office who signed the receipt for the \$2,000 that was turned over to them and to verify the fact that the New York Office had not covered the meeting on October 17, 1945.

For your information Miss Bentley first appeared at the New Haven Office of the FBI on August 23, 1945 and reported her associations with Lieutenant Peter Haller who was connected with the New York State National Guard. She stated that his actions had mystified her since he claimed that he was a government investigator and a self-styled "big shot government spy". She stated that she had an opportunity to become connected with another firm but she was told by Lieutenant Haller to remain with the United States Service and Shipping Corporation inasmuch as she would be able to obtain information of great value to the United States government concerning Russian people who transacted business with that corporation. She said that if Haller were legitimate and that if she could be of any assistance to the United States government she would be glad to do so, but she was mystified as to how this could be accomplished.

Miss Bentley came to the FBI a second time. On this occasion she came to the New York Office of the FBI on October 16, 1945, specifically for the purpose of furnishing information in connection with an impersonation complaint made by her concerning Lieutenant Peter Haller. She repeated in substance the information she furnished to the New Haven Office and stated she was confused by Haller's activities and was uncertain as to whether he was a government investigator or was connected with the Communist Party or Russian espionage activities. She was trying to test her loyalty toward the Communist Party.

At the New York Office again on November 7, 1945, Miss Bentley appeared and voluntarily furnished information concerning her knowledge of Soviet espionage in the United States extending into agencies of the United States government. She was thereafter interviewed on numerous occasions.

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throughout the month of November 1945 and signed a statement containing her full story on November 30, 1945.

According to the records of the New York Office of this Bureau Miss Bentley received the \$2,000 from "Al" on October 17, 1945 and the money was turned over to agents of the New York Office on November 17, 1945.

With respect to Whittaker Chambers there is nothing indicated in the files of this Bureau or the files of the New York Office of this Bureau that Chambers has been institutionalized. However, in 1941 it was learned that Chambers had a reputation in his neighborhood in Lynbrook, Long Island, New York, of being "queer" and stayed very much to himself.

This condition continued him for several months during 1942 and 1943 and also for a short period during 1945 on his farm at Westminster, Maryland.

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TO : Director, FBI Attn: Crime Records Section

DATE: 8/18/48

FROM : SAC, Louisville

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As of possible interest to the Bureau, I am attaching hereto an editorial appearing in the Courier-Journal, Louisville, Kentucky under date of August 18, 1948, captioned "Let's Find Out Who Was the Liar", which pertains to the present hearings being conducted in Washington by the House Un-American Activities Committee.

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Let's Find Out Who Was the Liar

HAVING failed to determine whether it was WHITTAKER CHAMBERS or ALGER HISS who lied under oath, the House Un-American Activities Committee has recessed public hearings for three weeks. In this case it is not a matter simply of establishing prevarication, but of making suspect as a traitor one of two men. It is a very damaging thing. If this were the first time the committee's activities had left a man uncharged, unconvicted, but his character beclouded, it might be possible to dismiss it as an accident of the hearing. Unfortunately, it repeats a pattern which discredits findings of the committee, and cheapens the most alarming of its disclosures into the character of a movie serial.

Already the committee's Chairman J. PARNELL THOMAS has announced the next episode. And it is not entitled "Who Lied?" It is something called "Another Espionage Ring!" It is designed to race the audience ahead to still more horrors before the simple but serious matter of Mr. CHAMBERS and Mr. HISS has been resolved. And *The New York Star* is giving advance billing to yet another chapter in advance—the THOMAS committee's inquiry into Communism on college campuses and magazine staffs.

The THOMAS committee is running off in all directions. But aside from having cast grave questions—unproved but unremoved—on the character of many men, we look hard to find anything it has accomplished that had not already been done by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and a Federal grand jury.

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GREGORY, ESP- R. REFERENCE IS MADE TO TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN MR. LEO LAUGHLIN AND ASAC BELMONT OF THIS OFFICE RE BERNICE LEVIN, WHOM BENTLEY HAD INDICATED WAS EMPLOYED IN THE WAR PRODUCTION BOARD AND WAS IN SOME WAY INVOLVED IN HER ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES SOME YEARS AGO. ON THE AFTERNOON OF AUGUST TWENTYTHIRD FORTYEIGHT, MISS BENTLEY TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SA T. G. SPENCER AND STATED THAT SHE WAS ENROUTE WITH A FRIEND FOR A SHORT VACATION IN THE COUNTRY, EXACT PLACE NOT DISCLOSED. IN CONNECTION WITH HER INFORMATION CONCERNING BERNICE LEVIN, SHE STATED AS FOLLOWS--SOME TIME IN THE SUMMER OR FALL OF NINETEEN FORTYONE, WHEN SHE WAS MAKING HER FIRST TRIPS TO WASHINGTON DC., AT THE REQUEST OF JACOB GOLOS, THE LATTER INFORMED HER THAT BERNICE LEVIN, WHO WAS EMPLOYED IN THE WAR PRODUCTION BOARD, WAS A PERSON WHOM SHE COULD CONTACT AND WHO WOULD FURNISH INFORMATION TO HER. MISS BENTLEY DECLARED THAT FROM SOMETIME LATE IN NINETEEN FORTYONE UNTIL ABOUT THE MIDDLE OF NINETEEN FORTYTWO SHE MET BERNICE LEVIN BY PREARRANGEMENT ON VARIOUS STREET CORNERS IN WASHINGTON, DC., AT WHICH TIME MISS LEVIN WOULD TURN OVER TO HER COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE, NOTES THAT MISS LEVIN HAD TYPED UP AND WOULD ALSO CONVERSE WITH MISS BENTLEY CONCERNING INFORMATION THAT CAME TO HER ATTENTION. MISS BENTLEY STATED THAT MISS LEVIN WAS STENOGRAPHER AND WAS IN THE

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STENOGRAPHIC POOL OF THE WAR PRODUCTION BOARD. SHE FURTHER STATED THAT MISS LEVIN WOULD BE CALLED TO TAKE DICTATION FROM THE VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND WOULD MAKE NOTES OR TAKE COPIES OF ANY INFORMATION COMING TO HER ATTENTION WHICH SHE BELIEVED TO BE IMPORTANT.

MISS BENTLEY DECLARED THAT THE INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY MISS LEVIN WAS NOT OF MUCH IMPORT AND WAS CONCERNED PRINCIPALLY WITH PRODUCTION, AND REPORTED ON ITEMS RANGING FROM BRASSIERES TO POTS AND PANS.

SOME TIME IN NINETEEN FORTYTWO LEVIN INFORMED MISS BENTLEY THAT SHE DID NOT CARE TOO MUCH ABOUT WASHINGTON AND ANTICIPATED RETURNING TO NYC SOME TIME IN THE NEAR FUTURE. SHORTLY THEREAFTER MISS BENTLEY LOST TRACK OF BERNICE LEVIN, AND DID NOT HEAR OF HER AGAIN UNTIL

SOME TIME IN THE SPRING OF NINETEEN FORTYTHREE. IT WAS AT THIS LATTER TIME THAT JACOB GOLOS MENTIONED TO MISS BENTLEY THAT HE HAD LEARNED THAT MISS LEVIN WAS EMPLOYED IN NEW YORK CITY FOR THE TASS NEWS AGENCY. MISS BENTLEY STATED THAT SHE WAS ALMOST POSITIVE THAT GOLOS MENTIONED THAT THE LEVIN WOMAN WAS WORKING FOR TASS, BUT IN ANY EVENT SHE RELATED THAT IF GOLOS HAD NOT MENTIONED THE TASS NEWS AGENCY IT WAS THE INTER-CONTINENT NEWS SERVICE WHICH AT THE TIME WAS OPERATING IN NEW YORK CITY.

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IT WAS MISS BENTLEY'S CONSIDERED OPINION, HOWEVER, THAT GOLOS INFORMED HER THE LEVIN WOMAN WAS WORKING FOR TASS. SHE FURTHER RELATED THAT GOLOS INFORMED HER THAT BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THE LEVIN WOMAN'S PRESENT OCCUPATION THEY WOULD HAVE NO NEED TO CONTACT HER FURTHER. INsofar AS THE LEVIN WOMAN'S BACKGROUND WAS CONCERNED, MISS BENTLEY STATED THAT ALL SHE KNEW WAS THAT FROM CONVERSATIONS HAD WITH MISS LEVIN THE LATTER HAD AN UNFORTUNATE LOVE AFFAIR IN NYC WHERE SHE APPARENTLY LIVED FOR A CONSIDERABLE PERIOD OF TIME, AND AFTER THIS UNFORTUNATE AFFAIR OF THE HEART SHE MOVED TO WASHINGTON, DC. MISS BENTLEY HAS NO KNOWLEDGE AS TO WHETHER THE LEVIN WOMAN WAS AN ASSOCIATE OF GOLOS PRIOR TO HER ENTERING THE EMPLOY OF THE WAR PRODUCTION BOARD IN WASHINGTON. MISS BENTLEY FURTHER RELATED THAT APPARENTLY THE LEVIN WOMAN WAS A FRIEND OF BARNEY JOSEPHSON OF CAFE SOCIETY DOWNTOWN, AS MISS LEVIN INDICATED THAT JOSEPHSON WAS AWARE OF THE FBI'S INTEREST IN NOT ONLY HIMSELF BUT HIS CAFE AND ITS PATRONS. WHEN QUESTIONED AS TO WHETHER THIS INFORMATION HAD BEEN DIVULGED TO THE COMMITTEE, MISS BENTLEY STATED THAT AS A MATTER OF FACT SHE TOLD HER ENTIRE STORY CONCERNING MISS LEVIN TO THE COMMITTEE AND THAT SHE DID NOT BELIEVE HER RECORD WAS

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OF THIS MATTER. THE ONLY DESCRIPTION THAT MISS BENTLEY COULD GIVE OF THIS WOMAN WAS THAT SHE WAS, AT THE TIME SHE KNEW HER, FAIRLY YOUNG, DARK HAIR, MEDIUM HEIGHT, JEWISH NATIONALITY, AND FURTHER THAT BERNICE LEVIN WAS HER TRUE AND CORRECT NAME. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT UNLESS THE BUREAU ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY, THE WFO CHECK THE RECORDS OF THE WPB IN AN ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY BERNICE LEVIN. AS RELATED TO MR. LAUGHIN, THE ONLY REFERENCE IN THE NY FILES TO BERNICE LEVIN IS TO ONE BERNIE LEVIN, PAGE ONE SEVENTY FOUR OF WASHINGTON FIELD REPORT DATED JUNE SEVENTEEN FORTYSIX IN THIS CASE, WHICH REFERENCE REFLECTS THAT THIS NAME APPEARS IN THE ADDRESS BOOK BELIEVED TO BELONG TO HELEN SILVERMASTER. IMMEDIATELY UPON MISS BENTLEY-S RETURN AN ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO INCORPORATE THE ABOVE INFORMATION INTO A SIGNED STATEMENT.

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cc McLaughlin & McLaughlin

Memorandum to the Attorney General

Bentley stated that she has no knowledge as to whether the Levin woman was an associate of Golos prior to her entering the employ of the War Production Board in Washington.

Miss Bentley stated that she had told her entire story concerning Bernice Levin to Ben Mandell of the House Un-American Activities Committee the day following her recollection of this matter.

An immediate investigation is being conducted in order to definitely identify Bernice Levin and further to determine her past and present activities in an endeavor to verify Bentley's allegations.

In the meantime, I wanted you to have this information immediately upon its receipt by the Bureau. You will be advised of any further pertinent developments in this matter.

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GREGORY, ESPIONAGE DASH R. ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY HAS RECEIVED A LETTER POST-
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TO BENTLEY IN CARE OF HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE. BENTLEY FURNISHED
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QUOTE VANCOUVER, B. C., [AUG. TWELFTH, NINETEEN FORTY-EIGHT,] DEAR MISS BENTLEY:

FORGIVE ME WRITING IN CARE OF THE COMMITTEE, BUT I COULDN'T CONTACT YOU
AT A NEW YORK OFFICE, THEY SAID YOU DID NOT WORK THERE ANY MORE. (U)

YOU WOULD KNOW ME IF YOU SAW ME, AND YOU PROBABLY KNOW THE NATURE OF
MY WORK. I HAVE BEEN WATCHING EVENTS AT WASHINGTON. SO CURRIE, WHITE, ETC.

DENY EVERYTHING. WHAT FOOLS. I NEVER RELY ON WORD OF MOUTH EVIDENCE, PICTURES,
FILMS, ETC. NEVER LIE. I STILL HAVE A GREAT MANY FEET OF FILM WHICH I TOOK OF
CURRIE, WHITE AND REMINGTON—AND THESE PICTURES EVEN SHOW YOU YOURSELF VISITING
CERTAIN PLACES AND IN CONVERSATION WITH MANY OF THE PERSONS MENTIONED. I DON'T
THINK YOU MADE MANY MOVES WHICH I KNEW NOTHING ABOUT. (U)

AS REGARDS CURRIE, HE IS NOT AS SMART AS HE THINKS. HE WAS UNDER CONSTANT
OBSERVATION BY THE BRITISH SECRET SERVICE DURING THE WHOLE OF THE WAR AND EVEN
NOW HE IS NOT OVERLOOKED. (U)

WHAT PUZZLES ME NOW IS THAT HAS BEEN SAID ABOUT INFORMATION GOING TO
RUSSIA FROM THE NY TOURIST AGENCY. NO DOUBT A GREAT DEAL OF FACTS, ETC DID

WHAT WAY — BUT A GREAT DEAL MORE OF INFORMATION GATHERED BY YOU, AND A
LOT OF DOCUMENTS WERE SENT FROM NY TO OTTAWA, TO THE RUSSIAN EMBASSY, FROM
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WHERE THE TRANSMISSION WAS MADE TO MOSCOW. HOW DO I KNOW? WELL I STILL HAVE (U)

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IF THESE PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON KEEP ON LYING AND DENY EVERYTHING ETC. MAYBE I CAN HELP. I'D LIKE TO SEE SOME OF THEIR FACES IF THEY SAW WHAT I HAD GATHERED OVER A PERIOD OF TIME. YOU REALIZE, OF COURSE, TO CONTINUE I MUST KEEP UNDER COVER. HOWEVER, ^{IN} THE SINGLE QUOTE PERSONAL END SINGLE QUOTE COLUMN OF THE VANCOUVER DAILY PROVINCE, ^{IT} WILL BE SEEN AND CONTACT CAN BE MADE. I COULD SEND A FEW FT. OF FILM ETC. TO THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BUT I DON'T WANT TO SPOIL MY OWN WORK. (u)

I AM SURPRISED THE F.B.I. HAVEN'T TAKEN SOME ACTION. I HEARD THAT HIGH PLACES BROUGHT PRESSURE TO BEAR ON THE F.B.I. RE CURRIE. HE WAS NOT TO BE TOUCHED, LOOKS LIKE HE'S GOT A LOT OF SINGLE QUOTE RED END SINGLE QUOTE FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES OR ELSE CERTAIN PERSONS DON'T WANT EXPOSURES. (u)

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IF I CAN DO ANYTHING ADDRESS ME AS E.S.P. UNQUOTE.

YOU ARE REQUESTED TO IMMEDIATELY LOCATE AT VANCOUVER, CANADA, AND INTERVIEW THE WRITER OF THIS COMMUNICATION. FULL INFORMATION IN HIS POSSESSION SHOULD BE ASCERTAINED. INTERVIEW SHOULD BE HANDLED BY EXPERIENCED AGENTS. YOU SHOULD CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AND INTERVIEW WITH FULL COOPERATION OF RCMP. BUREAU FURNISHING TODAY, ABOVE INFORMATION THROUGH LIAISON TO RCMP, OTTAWA, AND ADVISING THEM OF YOUR AGENTS INVESTIGATION AT VANCOUVER. KEEP BUREAU FULLY ADVISED BY TELETYPE OF CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS AND STATUS. THIS INVESTIGATION OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE. (u)

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THE LETTER IS SIGNED L.B.W. THE SEATTLE OFFICE HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW WRITER OF COMMUNICATION. YOU

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SHOULD MAKE FULL DETAILS OF LETTER AVAILABLE TO RCMP AND REQUEST THEIR COOPERATION IN INVESTIGATION AND INTERVIEW, ALSO ADVISE OF INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED BY SEATTLE AGENTS. KEEP BUREAU FULLY ADVISED REGARDING RESULTS AND STATUS OF INVESTIGATION.

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TO : MR. TOLSON ✓
 FROM : L. B. Nichols ✓
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With reference to John Kramer's column in the Washington News on August 6 wherein a snotty remark is made regarding the Bureau emanating obviously from the Commerce Department, indicating a delay in handling the Remington case, I called Mr. Kramer on the phone and while commenting on the Remington case, told him for his personal and confidential information someone had obviously planted a story on him. (U)

I told Kramer we had informed the Attorney General of Remington's background and that a full field investigation was being conducted under the loyalty program, on May 6 the Attorney General had referred our communication to Secretary Sawyer, on May 7 the Civil Service Commission was furnished with the usual form indicating that a loyalty investigation was being conducted, on May 12 a Bureau official personally conferred with Secretary Sawyer and furnished him all pertinent facts, and on June 12 the complete loyalty investigation was forwarded to Civil Service pursuant to Executive Order. (U)

John stated that obviously the comments were unfair to the Bureau although he doubted his source of information had this information or was advised. (U)

I told him while we did not want him to do anything on this at the present time we did want him to have the facts in the event anything else came up as obviously he had not been given the correct facts. (U)

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**Red Investigations
 Now Really May
 Be 'Witch Hunts'**

By JOHN CRAMER

The Remington-Bentley spy expose is threatening to force the Federal employe loyalty program into a new phase in which it may become, in reality, the witch hunt its critics have alleged it to be.

Up until now, the program has been handled with a high degree of decency and fairness.

But if the special Senate Committee which is investigating the Remington case has its way, Federal agencies will be forced to suspend immediately any employe who becomes the subject of a full-dress FBI loyalty investigation.

For example, the committee is taking the position that Commerce Department should have suspended William Remington the moment it learned he was being investigated.

HAD NO WAY TO KNOW

The Department, however, had no way of knowing whether the charges against Mr. Remington were serious as they turned out to be, or very minor.

FBI conducts a full-dress investigation whenever its preliminary investigation of an employe turns up "derogatory information" of any sort. And even tho this "derogatory information" may appear inconsequential, FBI investigates regardless.

In the Remington case, Commerce was advised in May that FBI had launched a full-dress investigation.

FBI GETS NEEDLE

Because of the importance of his job, the Department repeatedly "needed" the FBI to complete its investigation, and submit a report.

It was six weeks, however, before FBI did report, and when it did, Commerce waited only six days before suspending Mr. Remington.

The committee, however, insists that Commerce should have acted even before it received the FBI report.

But how would that work in practice?

MOST FOUND LOYAL

All told, the FBI has conducted full-dress investigations on about 120 Commerce Department employes. Presumably, the great majority are innocent of any disloyalty. That, at least, is the pattern of the majority of the full-dress investigations so far made by the FBI.

Yet if the committee had its way, each of these 120 employes would have been suspended—each would have had a permanent black mark placed on his record the moment he was under investigation.

No Cut Here

• Altho Reclamation Bureau is planning a substantial cut in personnel because of budget reductions, officials say there will be no slash in the bureau's 350-man Washington staff. Neither will there be a cut in the bureau's big Denver office. Bulk of the reduction, officials say, will fall on so-called "force account" workers, who in the main are seasonal and temporary employes. The work now performed by these employes will be let out on contract. . . . Reclamation had \$51,000,000 for employe salaries during fiscal 1948. Congress gave it only \$48,000,000, however, for the current fiscal year. Hence the cut in personnel.

• Reclamation, incidentally, already is beginning to feel the pinch of that new restriction under which its employes in Grades CAF 9 and P 3 and above are limited to a total of 3500. One of its regions is claiming it's impossible to operate under the restriction.

• Harold L. Tweedy, assistant to the governor of the Federal Home Bank System here, has been appointed vice president of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh.

Labor Appointment Due

• Mister Truman's nomination of a new Secretary of Labor to succeed the late Louis Schwellenbach is expected any day—certainly, before Congress adjourns next week. Under the law, if Mr. Truman waits until after Congress adjourns, his nominee cannot be paid. Favored candidate: Robert F. Wagner Jr., son of the New York Senator.

• Interior Department has scheduled a field day (picnic) for its employes Saturday at Ft. Hunt, Va., six miles south of Alexandria on Mt. Vernon Boulevard.

• Navy Department's move to the Pentagon Building is under way. Under secretary W. John Kenney's office already has been transferred there. And Secretary Sullivan and the top staff of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations are expected to move this month.

• Chester Lund, former head of the Social Security Administration regional office in Minneapolis, has been named director of field operations in charge of Federal Security Agency's newly established regional offices. He'll take over in about 10 days.

'Forgotten' Workers

Employes at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda claim they have been "forgotten" by the wage board which controls their pay. They were not granted pay increases when other Navy wage board workers in the Washington area received increases. "Our wage board seems to have forgotten us completely," an employe writes. "And because of this condition, many of us are forced to work at outside jobs to make ends meet. This practice is breaking the health and lowering the efficiency of our employes."

Listen to Mr. Cramer, Monday thru Friday, 6:25 p. m., WTOP

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MALOZEMOVA, PROFESSOR ALEXANDER BALAKHNIN AND
PETER BOODBERG RE ACTIVITIES OF NATHAN GREGORY
SILVERMASTER. NO INTERVIEW OF PRESTON L. SHOBE SHOULD
BE CONDUCTED IN VIEW OF COMMUNIST BACKGROUND.

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GREGORY, ESPIONAGE, R. RETEL AUGUST FOURTEEN. DR. EMILY WOELZ STATED SILVERMASTER WAS PRO-SOVIET WHEN SHE KNEW HIM IN NINETEEN TWENTY SEVEN TWENTY EIGHT, BUT HAD NO INFORMATION RE CP ACTIVITY. WILL NOT TESTIFY SINCE SHE HAS RELATIVES IN USSR. NICOLAI T. MIROV HAD NO PERTINENT INFORMATION. HE ALSO HAS BROTHER IN USSR. VLADIMIR BELIKOSSELSKI STATED HE HEARD SILVERMASTER IN LATE NINETEEN TWENTIES OR EARLY THIRTIES STATE IN EFFECT THAT SOVIET FORM OF GOV-T SUPERIOR TO U. S. AND ATTEMPT TO PROVE THAT STATEMENT BY ECONOMICS. HAS NO INFO RE CP ACTIVITY AND WILL NOT TESTIFY ACCOUNT OF RELATIVES IN RUSSIA. HE STATED THAT U. C. PROFESSOR ELIZABETH MALOZEMOVA PARTICIPATED IN ABOVE DISCUSSION AND COULD TESTIFY TO SILVERMASTER-S STATEMENTS. ALSO BELIEVES U.C. PROFESSOR ALEXANDER BALAKHIN AND PETER BOODBERG CAN FURNISH INFO RE SILVERMASTER-S CP ACTIVITY. NATURALIZATION OF SILVERMASTER ON DECEMBER FIVE, TWENTY SEVEN AT SF VERIFIED AND COMPLETE DATA OBTAINED. WITNESSES WERE MARIA H. SILVERMASTER, FORMER WIFE OF SUBJECT AND PRESTON L. SHOBE.

INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED TO IDENTIFY AND LEARN PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF SILVERMASTER-S DIVORCED WIFE WHO ACCORDING TO VOLKOV IS VERY BITTER AGAINST HIM. BUREAU AUTHORITY WILL BE REQUESTED FOR INTERVIEW WITH HER. VOLKOV SHOWS PHOTOS OF ISAC FRYE AND STATED QUOTE I THINK THAT IS THE MAN UNQUOTE. HIS PRESENT LOCATION AS TO AGE, HEIGHT AND WEIGHT WITH VOLKOFF'S LETTERS.

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LKV. VOLKOV SPECIFIED IN DIVORCE ACTION, JULY TEN, TWENTY NINE, COPY OF WHICH HE HAS IN

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HIS POSSESSION, THAT HIS SON ANATOLE NOT BE EXPOSED TO COMMUNIST INFLUENCE OR TAKEN OUT OF THE U.S. WITHOUT VOLKOV-S CONSENT. BUREAU ADVISE RE INTERVIEW OF MALOZEMOVA AND BALAKHNIN AND BOODBERG ON WHOM SF INDICES NEGATIVE AND WHO ARE REPORTEDLY ANTI-COMMUNIST AND OF SHOBE WHO IS REPORTEDLY COMMUNIST. DETROIT INTERVIEW VERA IVANOVNA LAVROVA WITTE, EIGHT NINE ONE ONE LINWOOD ST., APT. EIGHT, DETROIT, FOR INFO RE CP MEMBERSHIP AND ESPIONAGE ACTIVITY OF SILVERMASTER. VERA WITTE IS DIVORCED WIFE OF BORIS WITTE. BORIS IS BROTHER OF HELEN PETROVNA SILVERMASTER AND REPORTEDLY LIVED WITH SILVERMASTER IN WASH., D.C. NINETEEN FORTY - FORTY THREE APPROXIMATELY ACCORDING TO BORIS VOLKOV, EX-HUSBAND OF HELEN SILVERMASTER, VERA IS ANTI-COMMUNIST. THIS INTERVIEW AUTHORIZED BY REF. BUREAU TELETYPE. KIMBALL

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cc - Mr. P. L. Jones

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TO : D. M. LADD *DL*
 FROM : L. WHITSON *LW*
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On August 24, 1948, Elizabeth Bentley furnished an Agent of the New York Office of this Bureau the following information concerning Bernice Levin, about whom she has furnished no information during past interviews.

She stated that sometime in the summer or fall of 1941 when she was making her first trips to Washington at the request of Jacob Golos, the latter informed her that Bernice Levin, who was employed at the War Production Board, was a person whom she could contact and who would furnish information to her. Bentley declared that from sometime late in 1941 until about the middle of 1942, she met Bernice Levin by prearrangement on various street corners in Washington, D. C., at which time Miss Levin would turn over to her copies of correspondence, notes that Miss Levin had typed, and would also converse with Bentley concerning information that came to her attention at the War Production Board.

Miss Bentley declared that Miss Levin was a stenotypist employed in the stenographic pool at the War Production Board; that she would be called to take dictation from various members of the board and would make notes or take copies of any information coming to her attention which she believed to be important. She stated that the information supplied by Miss Levin was not of much import and was concerned principally with production, and reported on items ranging from brassieres to pots and pans.

Bentley further stated that sometime in 1942, Levin informed her that she did not care too much about Washington and anticipated returning to New York City sometime in the near future. Shortly thereafter, Bentley said she lost track of her and did not hear about her again until sometime in the spring of 1943, when Jacob Golos mentioned to Bentley that he had learned that Miss Levin was employed in New York City for TASS News Agency. She said she was almost positive that Golos mentioned that the Levin woman was working for TASS, but in any event she related that if Golos had not mentioned the TASS News Agency, it was the Inter-Continent News Service. It was Bentley's opinion, however, that Golos informed her that Miss Levin was working for TASS. She stated that Golos informed her that because of the nature of Miss Levin's occupation with TASS that they would have no need to contact her further.

Bentley stated that she has no knowledge as to whether the Levin woman was an associate of Golos prior to her entering the employ of the War Production Board in Washington.

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Miss Bentley stated that she had told her entire story concerning Bernice Levin to Ben Mandell of the House Un-American Activities Committee the day following her recollection of this matter.

An immediate investigation is being conducted in order to definitely identify Bernice Levin and further to determine her past and present activities in an endeavor to verify Bentley's allegations.

ACTION:

The Washington Field Office and the New York Office are immediately being instructed to conduct an investigation of Bernice Levin in connection with this case in order to determine her present and past activities in an effort to corroborate Bentley's allegations.

There is attached for your approval a memorandum to the Attorney General advising him of Bentley's allegations regarding Miss Levin and that the Bureau is immediately conducting an investigation.

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To: Mr. Glenn H. Rothel
Vice Commissioner
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From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, FBI

Re: COMMUNIST
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Reference is made to my teletype dated August 18,
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T. Bentley by the Bureau.

I am attaching for your information and for the
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TO : Mr. Ladd

FROM : H. B. Fletcher *HBF*

SUBJECT: GREGORY

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At approximately 11:00 AM this date, Mr. Ray Whearty of the Department telephonically contacted Supervisor W. A. Branigan and advised the following.

By memorandum dated July 9, 1948 from the Director to the Attorney General, the Bureau furnished information that Bernard Redmont was presently in the United States and it was requested to know whether the Department desired to have Redmont interviewed. According to Mr. Whearty from notations appearing on the memorandum it was received in the Attorney General's office on July 12, 1948, and a notation was put on it to the effect that the matter should be expedited. Mr. Whearty stated that the memorandum was apparently moving about the Department from that time until August 20, 1948, when it was received by him from Mr. Alexander Campbell's office. According to Mr. Whearty it was not indicated that the Department had ever taken any action, but in view of the Attorney General's notation he stated that he believed it possible that the Department had informally advised someone in the Bureau of the action to be taken. He requested to know if the Bureau had received an answer to its question.

After checking with Supervisor F. L. Jones, Mr. Whearty was advised at approximately 11:15 A.M. that the Bureau had not received an answer to its inquiry of July 9, 1948.

There is attached for your information Supervisor Jones' tickler copy of the letter of July 9, 1948.

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The Attorney General

July 9, 1948

Director, FBI

THE GREGORY CASE
(Bernard Sidney Redmont)

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You may recall that Bernard Sidney Redmont is one of the principal subjects in this case. He has been residing in Buenos Aires, Argentina, as a representative of the magazine "World Report." Due to his absence from the United States he has not been interviewed in connection with this case nor has he been subpoenaed before the Federal Grand Jury in New York City.

Information has been received that Redmont was due to arrive in the United States on June 11, 1948, on a three months' home leave. He furnished his home address in this country as 1260 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, New York. (u) (S)

I will appreciate your advice as to whether you desire Redmont to be interviewed relative to his activities in the Gregory Case.

cc-Assistant Attorney General T. Vincent Quinn
Criminal Division

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GREGORY, ESPIONAGE - R. BERNARD S. REDMONT IS REPORTEDLY ON LEAVE FROM
BUENOS AIRES AND RESIDING ONE TWO SIX EIGHT EAST EIGHTH STREET, BROOKLYN,
NEW YORK.

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CC - WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE (BY SPECIAL MESSENGER)

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- E. A. Tamm
- Clegg
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- Ladd
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- Quinn Tamm
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. FLETCHER *HBF*

DATE: August 20, 1948

FROM : D. M. Ladd *DML*

SUBJECT: *Quinn*

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Carson _____
- Mr. Egan _____
- Mr. Gurnea _____
- Mr. Harbo _____
- Mr. Hendon _____
- Mr. Pennington _____
- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Holmes _____
- Miss Gandy _____

On the night of August 18, the Attorney General called me and advised that Mr. Vincent Quinn was leaving New York at 5:30 PM and would arrive in Washington at 9:30 PM, that he would like to have an Agent acquainted with Mr. Quinn meet him at the station and instruct Mr. Quinn to come immediately to his apartment at 2101 Connecticut Avenue.

The Attorney General indicated that there had arisen some question about what Quinn had told Rogers and that he, the Attorney General, had that afternoon sent a letter to Senator Ferguson which he had already cleared by telephone with Mr. Quinn; that he desired to talk to Quinn before anyone else had an opportunity to talk to him.

Accordingly, Mr. Howard Fletcher, Inspector, met Mr. Quinn and took him to the Attorney General's apartment.

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- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

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TO : THE DIRECTOR
 FROM : D. M. Ladd *DL*
 SUBJECT: WILLIAM WALTER REMINGTON

DATE: August 13, 1948

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- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
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- Mr. Quinn Tamm
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- Mr. Nease
- Miss Holmes
- Miss Gandy

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On the afternoon of August 12, former Special Agent J. P. Coyne called me and advised that "Frip" Flanigan of Senator Ferguson's committee had called him and advised that the Committee was interested in "Remington and his buddies". He stated that the Committee was interested in two angles - one, that they were sure that the FBI had related information to interested agencies, but that the Committee had been unable to show it officially by reason of the fact that the administration had refused to permit the Government officials to testify, and two, the Committee was trying to find out either officially or unofficially the attitude of the FBI as to the question of letting it be known that the information was distributed to the various agencies and the date when it was distributed. (u)

Mr. Coyne advised that he informed Mr. Flanigan that it would be very unethical for him to attempt to answer any of these questions, that any information in his possession was obtained during his official position with the Bureau and, therefore, would not attempt to discuss this matter. (u)

Mr. Flanigan stated he understood this and was not trying to obtain this information. (u)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN
 SUBJECT: GREGORY
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DATE: 8/9/48

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Attention: INSPECTOR H. B. FLETCHER

Re telephonic communication of Inspector H. B. FLETCHER with ASAC SANTOIANA today, inquiring as to whether ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY had ever appeared at the New Haven Office, as has been stated in the press, for the purpose of furnishing information concerning the captioned case.

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In confirmation of the aforesaid telephonic communication, there is being transmitted herewith a copy of New Haven letter to New York dated August 29, 1945, entitled "LIEUTENANT PETER HELLER, IMPERSONATION, ESPIONAGE - R". This letter reflects that Miss BENTLEY appeared at the New Haven Office on August 23, 1945 to furnish information concerning Heller. However, she furnished no information as can be seen from the letter concerning the captioned case.

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510 Trust Company Building
New Haven 10, Connecticut
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SAC, New York

Re: LIEUTENANT PETER HELLER
IMPERSONATION
ESPIONAGE - R

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Dear Sir:

This is to advise that on August 23, 1945 Miss Elizabeth Bentley, Buxford Manor, Old Lyme, Connecticut came to this office and made the following complaint:

About five months ago at the St. George Hotel in Brooklyn, New York she met an individual who stated that his name was Lt. PETER HELLER and that he is connected with the New York State National Guard. Miss Bentley advised that she has seen HELLER frequently since the original meeting and that his actions have mystified her in that he claims that he is a Government investigator and at various times has described himself as a "big shot Government spy". He has told Miss Bentley that even though he would wish to, he cannot reveal his address even to her as his work is very dangerous and his life is in constant danger.

Miss Bentley advised that she is employed at the U.S. Service and Shipping Corporation, 212 5th Avenue, New York City. The main business of this corporation consists of sending packages to Russia. Merchandise is purchased by individuals who desire to transmit it to some individual in Russia and her firm takes care of all the details, and through the offices of the Moore McCormack Shipping Company arrange the transaction.

Miss Bentley further related that approximately a month ago she had an opportunity to assume a more lucrative position with another firm but that she was told by Lieutenant HELLER that he desired her to remain with the U.S. Service and Shipping Corporation inasmuch as she would be able to obtain information of great value to the Government concerning Russian people who transacted business with this company. To date he has not requested her to do anything specific but speaks strongly of her duty to this country to assist in this work when the opportune time arrives. Miss Bentley related that if the man was legitimate and if she could be of any assistance to the Government she would be glad to do so but that she was personally mystified as to how this could be accomplished.

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SAC, New York

August 29, 1945

Miss Bentley's information concerning HELLER was very vague inasmuch as she apparently knows little about him but she did state that every Monday and Thursday nights she can reach him at the Brooklyn Armory in Brooklyn and has frequently contacted him there by telephone. Miss Bentley described HELLER as follows:

Age	Approximately 40 - 45 years
Height	5'10" or 11"
Weight	170 lbs.
Hair	Red - bald on top
Eyes	Blue
Scars and marks	Scar on back of neck; scar on right thumb
Peculiarities	Nearsighted - wears glasses.

During May of 1945 Miss Bentley stated that she did not see HELLER for quite some time and when he made his appearance he stated that he had been in a Navy hospital where he had been treated for his ailments and had received excellent care due to the fact that his position as a "big shot Government spy" entitled him to such care.

Miss Bentley advised that after Labor Day she will return to New York and resume her employment with the U.S. Service and Shipping Corporation.

It is believed that if the company that Miss Bentley works for actually is involved with any foreign Government in Espionage matters that Miss Bentley could very easily be developed as an informant.

This information is being forwarded for whatever action you may deem advisable.

Yours very truly,

Roger F. Gleason
Special Agent in Charge

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